

## General Comments/Questions:

Q: What are visitors required to do when coming to our office?

A: The University of Pittsburgh campuses are closed to the general public, but open to University members and registered guests. University members can [register a guest online](#). Registered guests will receive a confirmation email that they are required to present, along with a photo ID, upon arrival on campus. By arriving on campus, guests are agreeing to follow the [health rules](#) that the University has in place at the time and are affirming that they are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Q: Have travel instructions changed/updated at all?

A: University members should follow [CDC guidelines](#) for travel, including any travel- related quarantine. Further restrictions may also apply and must be adhered to, as determined by current guidance from the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#), the [Allegheny County Health Department](#), or other county health departments applicable to the home campus.

Q: Question regarding masks: For those in offices, are masks required if office doors are opened?

A: If you are alone in a private office or private space unmasked, it is required that you close the door.

Q: Will campus parking garages be available on the Go Mobile PGH app again after move in ends?

A: Yes, the University garages returned to the [ParkMobile app](#) after move in ended.

Q: Will CMRO put out weekly stats again?

A: Yes, and updated data will be posted on Thursdays on the [CMRO Dashboard](#).

Q: Is the guest registration form required for adjunct faculty or clinical partners assisting with courses?

A: The guest registration form is not required for anyone that possess a Pitt ID. If they are considered an [Academic Visitor](#), they would be governed by the standard processes usually in place for these individuals, rather than the protocols relating to campus guests.

Q: Will concierges receive additional training? I am finding that many do not ask for ID or prompt people to swipe.

A: Thanks for the feedback. We are continually educating those serving at concierge stations about their roles and responsibilities.

## **Vaccination/Testing:**

Q: Do students who are earning their degree entirely online and don't ever come to campus need to upload their proof of vaccination? Should we be asking adjunct faculty to upload their vaccination status? Are adjunct faculty who are UPMC partners required to submit vaccination status? Is there a way for fully remote students (enrolled in online programs) or fully remote staff to note that if they are unvaccinated as they would never be coming on site?

A: All Pitt affiliates, even if they will not come to any of the campuses, should upload proof of vaccination.

Q: We have REMOTE staff who are 100% remote who do not even live in Pennsylvania, they won't ever set foot on our campus. Do these personnel have to be tested?

A: Yes.

Q: Do we need to upload proof of booster shots once we get them?

A: COVID-19 booster shots are not required at this time. The CMRO is aware of the more recent news around booster shots and promises to continue providing updates as vaccination guidelines evolve. While we continue to live through a pandemic, conditions may change. Additional guidance will be made available should vaccine requirements evolve.

Q: What are Pitt's plans for booster injections?

A: As the [CMRO shared](#) on Aug. 18, the CDC is recommending that certain immunocompromised individuals who received a full 2-dose series of Pfizer or Moderna receive an additional dose. The [Pitt CoVax Vaccination Center](#) is following [CDC guidance on who is eligible](#). Unsure if you should receive an additional dose? Talk with your health care provider, visit the Pitt CoVax Vaccination Center or email [covaxcenter@pitt.edu](mailto:covaxcenter@pitt.edu). They are happy to discuss your needs and determine if an additional dose is appropriate.

Q: Can the proof of vaccination email be sent out to the Pitt community every week? I only have about 50% of lab members that have done it.

A: More reminder emails will be sent to those who have not uploaded proof of vaccination in the coming weeks.

Q: Will Pitt make vaccine mandatory now that Pfizer approved? Now that FDA approved Pfizer is there conversations about requiring it for all like Ohio State announced yesterday?

A: There are no changes to Pitt's vaccine protocols at this time. Vaccinations are strongly recommended, and those who are vaccinated will be exempt from certain mitigation measures, like mandatory weekly testing.

Q: Will students and/or employees need to show vaccination card or negative test to enter buildings?

A: No, only a valid Pitt ID is required for student and/or employees to enter University buildings. Pitt affiliates who have been vaccinated should upload proof of vaccination. If they are unvaccinated or have not uploaded proof of vaccination, they will be subjected to the University's testing protocol. Failing to upload proof of vaccination or comply with mandatory testing may result in loss of building access.

Q: During our student orientation today, we received several questions from students about uploading proof of vaccination.

1.) Should they upload their information if they only got 1 dose and aren't yet fully vaccinated?

2.) For students who got the second dose, can they upload proof right away or do they need to wait until 2 weeks so they are considered fully vaccinated?

A: Students (and faculty and staff) should wait until they are fully vaccinated to upload proof of vaccination.

Q: If someone has a medical reason for not getting vaccinated, approved by DRS, is there a way for them to report that as well so they aren't considered out of compliance?

A: All unvaccinated individuals, even with medical exemptions, are required to participate in mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing.

Q: If you are 100% remote and unvaccinated, will you be required to test weekly? Will remote students need to comply with testing?

A: Yes, any Pitt affiliate who has not yet uploaded proof of vaccination will be required to comply with mandatory testing.

Q: Is there any effort to confirm the validity of vaccination cards? There are reports nationally of fake vaccination cards.

A: The University recognizes these dishonorable practices exist. If fake cards are discovered, offending employees and students will be subject to discipline.

Q: How will the COVID test rule be handled for staff members who are not vaccinated? Will individual departments be responsible for creating a system or will Pitt be handling that?

A: Individual departments are not responsible for tracking or enforcing compliance with mandatory testing of unvaccinated employees. University offices are identifying the disciplinary actions and access restrictions an individual may face if they do not respond to the CMRO's invitations and reminders to complete the mandatory testing.

Q: If not vaccinated, do staff members get tested at Pitt and their results automatically updated - or - do they need to find their own testing site upload their test results?

A: Pitt affiliates do not need to find their own testing site. Unvaccinated individuals will have to order a test kit weekly from Quest. Affiliates will self-administer the test and mail the sample to Quest. Results will be sent to the individual, and Pitt will be notified of test completion.

Q: Will staff/faculty get an email saying that they have been selected for a test? Will their supervisor be made aware? So if faculty and staff don't disclose that they are vaccinated will those faculty and staff be required to get tested weekly and not be able to be in university buildings?

A: Yes, staff, faculty, and students will receive an email if they have not uploaded their vaccination status. All faculty, staff and students that have not uploaded proof of vaccination are presumed to be unvaccinated, and therefore are subjected to the University's testing protocol. They will receive a warning email requesting compliance with testing requirements prior to building access being cut off.

Q: For hybrid students who are 50% remote, will they need to undergo weekly testing as well, if unvaccinated?

A: Yes.

Q: Will guests be asked about vaccination or have test requirements?

A: No. By arriving on campus, guests are agreeing to follow the health rules that the University has in place at the time and are affirming that they are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Q: Will we be able to get access to vaccination rates for our responsibility centers? Can RC heads get upload rates for faculty and staff in our RC?

A: RC heads should request vaccination rates from your SVC. No individual vaccination data will be released.

Q: Is there a way to verify that you've received an uploaded vaccination status? I'm hearing that people are not receiving any confirmation after submitting their vaccination card. Will there be some sort of confirmation at some point? Or should we assume no news is good news?

A: Pitt affiliates do not receive an email confirmation after disclosing vaccination status. During the submission process, the screen should briefly read "Upload Successful".

Q: Is Pitt committing to offer free PCR tests to faculty, students, and staff who believe they were exposed but are not symptomatic?

A: Yes. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, believe you have had close contact with someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or you test positive for COVID-19, [students](#) are expected to call Student Health Service for an evaluation; [faculty and staff](#) are expected to call MyHealth@Work for an evaluation.

Q: Do all-temps employees fall into the staff category for testing requirements?

A: Yes.

#### **Building Access:**

Q: Will building access compliance be available for off campus facilities? What about UPMC buildings?

A: UPMC has their own entry requirements. Building access compliance will not be available for off campus facilities.

Q: Some buildings have multiple entry points, some of which do not have concierge stations or card swipes. How is this being handled to confirm status of those entering.

A: Access is being reviewed in all spaces.

Q: What if we don't have a Pitt access system in our leased space? Does that mean that leased buildings have less safety controls than Pitt-owned buildings?

A: Access control is being reviewed in all spaces including leased buildings. Controls may vary by building but will be in place.

Q: How would we know if there is a swipe access issue or if the employee's access was intentionally shut off by Pitt?

A: Employees will be notified via email prior to their access being cut off. Supervisors will also be copied on the email notices.

Q: Will people have swipe access to all Pitt buildings or just the ones they work in? If someone doesn't have access to a building regularly what happens when they have a meeting in a building?

A: All Pitt affiliates (faculty, staff and students) have been granted permission to University buildings, similar to pre-pandemic access. To enter a building, a Pitt ID must be swiped, but if it was a door that would have not been locked prior to the pandemic, all Pitt personnel have access. If there is an area that was locked pre-pandemic, it will remain locked in that manner and only the necessary personnel have access. (For example, if there is a research lab with ID card access, only the researchers who had access pre-pandemic still have access.)