

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Iowa State Community,

We want to update you on the university's efforts to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to the ISU community. Key new information is outlined below. Please note that vaccine news and information is rapidly evolving. We won't be able to send a campus memo about every change, so please **bookmark [ISU's COVID-19 vaccination page](#) and check it often for timely updates.**

Johnson & Johnson vaccine halted. In accordance with the April 13 recommendation from the [CDC and FDA](#), Iowa State University is not administering any J&J vaccine doses, pending further information and guidance from public health agencies.

Impact on student vaccinations. We are fortunate that the Iowa Department of Public Health has allocated Pfizer vaccine to ISU until more is known about the Johnson & Johnson doses. This has made it possible for the university to continue our on-campus vaccination clinic at State Gym. Impacted students were notified of the change in vaccine type and when to report for their second dose.

Vaccine supply fluctuation. We will continue to vaccinate as many students and employees as possible based on our vaccine supply. Sudden scheduling changes for patients and/or vaccine clinic staff may be needed in response to vaccine supply fluctuations. We will communicate any changes as quickly as possible. Your flexibility and understanding are appreciated. **Unless you receive notice of a change, please report for your confirmed vaccine appointment or clinic shift.**

Information will be provided to faculty, staff, and postdocs about receiving a vaccination on campus as doses are available. You do not need to call Thielen Student Health Center. If you can receive a vaccine through [another provider](#), please do so.

THANK YOU! A huge and heartfelt thank you to the hundreds of faculty, staff, postdocs, graduate assistants, and undergraduate student employees who quickly answered the call for help last week. We filled 90% of the shifts at the on-campus clinic in less than 24 hours. Your show of support for this major undertaking is truly incredible!

Vaccination required? As announced April 14 by Board of Regents President Michael Richards, COVID-19 vaccinations will not be mandated for students, faculty, and staff for the 2021-2022 academic year. COVID-19 vaccinations also cannot be required for participation in courses, workplaces, research sites, workshops, seminars and other university activities.

Iowa State University joins the Board of Regents in [strongly encouraging](#) students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated as soon as they're able to help mitigate the severity and spread of COVID-19.

Asking about vaccination status. While the university has the authority to ask employees about their vaccination status, individual supervisors should not inquire about their employees' vaccination status without direction from senior leadership.

Vaccination FAQs. The information above and other questions about requirements have been added to a set of [Vaccination FAQs](#). Please review for additional information and guidance.

Get the facts. ISU Extension and Outreach is partnering with the Iowa Department of Public Health and the University of Iowa to provide virtual information sessions about COVID-19 vaccines, April 17, 19, and 24. [These sessions are free and open to the public](#), and are a great opportunity to get the facts about vaccine creation, safety and efficacy.

Thank you for staying informed and supporting the health and wellbeing of yourself and the ISU community!

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