



## International Programs and Services

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Dear Student,

We are excited to welcome you to Mason in the coming weeks. Please read the following information as it contains important information about your travel to the United States and what to expect when you arrive on campus. Countries, including the United States, and commercial airlines have imposed strict COVID precautions. Please be aware of the following COVID restrictions/policies and plan accordingly. Also note that requirements can change rapidly. Please check the Centers for Disease Control website, [Non-U.S. citizen, Non-U.S. immigrants: Travel to the United States](#) section and Mason links below for additional updates.

- Before you travel, get your COVID vaccination and when eligible get a booster shot.
- Carry your vaccine documentation with you at all times or keep a photo of your vaccine documentation on your phone.
- Check with the airline to ensure that you complete any requirements for boarding. This includes requirements to submit vaccination documents and COVID testing results, typically required 24 hours before departure. Ask questions about any additional testing you might need to complete due to long layovers and be prepared for any additional airport testing costs.

If you are a new student, you must comply with Mason's public health and safety precautions when you arrive on campus, which include:

1. Students must meet immunization requirements. Upload [COVID-19 vaccination and booster documentation](#) and the [Mason Immunization Record Form](#) to the Health Services Portal. [Instructions on how to upload your documentation and is available here.](#)
  - The deadline for COVID-19 Vaccination documentation is January 5, 2022.
  - The deadline for COVID-19 Booster documentation is February 15, 2022.
  - Non-compliance will incur a \$50 late fee. International student specific frequently-asked-questions can be found [here](#) (scroll all the way to the bottom).
2. You must complete [Mason COVID Health Check](#), Mason's public health and safety screener application each day that you visit or reside on a Mason campus or property.
3. Wear a face mask when in a university building. If you are not fully vaccinated, you must wear a face mask at all times in public spaces on campus.
4. Monitor for symptoms of illness. If you feel unwell, isolate at-home and seek medical attention if necessary. If you are unwell, do not participate in university activities until you complete your 10-day isolation period or are advised to return by a medical professional.

If you are not fully vaccinated or you are unable to receive a vaccine before you travel, you must:

1. Quarantine for 7 days from the date that you arrived in the United States.
2. Residential Students – notify Housing and Residence Life ([housing@gmu.edu](mailto:housing@gmu.edu)) to arrange quarantine accommodations if you plan to come to campus within 7 days of arrival in the United States.

3. Get a COVID-19 test 3 to 5 days after arrival in the United States – schedule a COVID test on campus [here](#).
  - a. If the test is negative, remain in quarantine 7 days from arrival date
  - b. If the test is positive, answer calls from Student Health Services and remain in isolation for the time period directed by your healthcare provider, at least 10 days.
4. After leaving quarantine, get vaccinated; schedule an appointment on campus [here](#).
5. If you have any questions about the university vaccine policy, you can find it here: [Vaccination Policy](#)

Mason offers free COVID vaccines to all students. If you need to provide documentation that a vaccine is available to you when you arrive in the United States, please use this email or request a personalized email by contacting [vaccine@gmu.edu](mailto:vaccine@gmu.edu).

Visit the [OIPS Vaccine and Testing](#) page for FAQs on vaccination and testing requirements for F-1 and J-1 students and links to official government resources and George Mason Student Health Services information.

If you have questions not covered by the FAQs, for the fastest response, *do NOT reply to this email*. Please contact one of the email addresses provided below:

- Health and Vaccine related questions: [immunize@gmu.edu](mailto:immunize@gmu.edu)
- Housing and Residence Life: [housing@gmu.edu](mailto:housing@gmu.edu)
- INTO Mason students: [INTOexp@gmu.edu](mailto:INTOexp@gmu.edu)
- Exchange Students: [intlex@gmu.edu](mailto:intlex@gmu.edu)
- Immigration and Visas:
  - J-1 students: [cbodziak@gmu.edu](mailto:cbodziak@gmu.edu)
  - F-1 students and other visa holders: [oips@gmu.edu](mailto:oips@gmu.edu)
  - New Undergraduate student I-20 questions: [world@gmu.edu](mailto:world@gmu.edu)
  - New Graduate student I-20 questions: [oipsadmi@gmu.edu](mailto:oipsadmi@gmu.edu)

We look forward to welcoming you to Mason for the Spring 2022 semester and wish you safe travels.



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