

Mandatory COVID Vaccination Information

Beginning September 1, 2021, Inova will require all rotating residents and fellows to be vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to rotate at any Inova facility. Proof of vaccination must be provided to the GME office PRIOR to the start of resident/fellow rotations. Proof of vaccination includes the following:

- Copy of CDC COVID vaccine card
- Receipt containing the complete immunization administration information
- A signed and current immunization consent form on official letterhead showing the vaccination was administered
- Official documentation from a government health agency
- Military immunization record

[Medical or religious exemptions request forms](#) must be received by the GME office **at least two weeks prior to the start of any rotation** to be considered. Exemptions may be accepted only if the following documentation is provided:

- **Medical Exemptions**: A signed letter from a licensed physician, licensed physician's assistant, licensed nurse practitioner, or licensed midwife certifying that such vaccination may be detrimental to the resident/fellow health or otherwise medically contraindicated and must include a statement indicating which vaccine may be detrimental, including an explanation of the valid medical basis for such determination, and the length of time for which it may be detrimental.
- **Religious Exemptions**: A signed letter from resident's/fellow's religious affiliate describing with specificity the sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance that guides the objection to immunization. Religious exemptions will not be granted when opposition to the immunization is medical, scientific, political, philosophical, ethical, or otherwise secular rather than religious in nature.

If you have any questions regarding this mandate, please do not hesitate to contact the GME office (703-776-2626).

Thank you,
The Inova Fairfax Medical Campus GME Office