COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Requirement
August 31, 2021

I. Context: Global Pandemic

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. COVID-19 is highly contagious and contact with others may lead to infection, illness, permanent disability, and death. Approved vaccines are widely available and provide excellent protection against COVID-19.

II. Vaccination Requirement

A. Overview

1. All current employees must complete their COVID-19 vaccine series (i.e., two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine) and enter their vaccination information into Workday on or before October 11, 2021.

2. As previously announced, employees hired after July 14, 2021 must be fully vaccinated prior to their first day of work at WPI. “Fully vaccinated” means that the individual has received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine AND that the individual has waited the required two weeks following the final dose of the vaccine.

3. Employees classified as fully remote are not required to be vaccinated. However, unvaccinated, fully remote employees will not be permitted on campus.

4. WPI may issue further vaccination requirements if booster or additional COVID-19 vaccinations are recommended by the CDC or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The term “employees” includes all WPI employees and all other individuals in WPI’s COVID-19 testing protocol (i.e. everyone who is expected to come to campus at any time during the 2021-2022 academic year, including employees of Chartwells and Dunkin’ Donuts, research affiliates, visiting scholars, etc.).

Accommodations will be provided only for disability/medical or religious reasons as described in Section C below.

B. Entering COVID-19 Vaccination Information into Workday

Employees are required to enter their COVID-19 vaccination information into Workday following the process detailed here: https://hub.wpi.edu/article/895/enter-covid19-vaccine-info. Vaccination information in Workday will be kept confidential and will be shared only on a need-to-know basis.
COVID-19 vaccination information entered into Workday is subject to verification. Failure to provide truthful and accurate vaccination information will subject the employee to disciplinary action.

C. **Requesting a Disability/Medical or Religious Accommodation**

Requests for a disability/medical or a religious accommodation will be processed pursuant to WPI’s policy on employee accommodation requests.

Accommodation requests must be submitted through the Division of Talent & Inclusion by completing this form. Please note, requests for disability/medical accommodations also require medical documentation.

The Division of Talent & Inclusion will review all accommodation requests and may request additional information from the employee and/or their manager(s).

If an accommodation request is approved, the employee and their manager(s) will be notified by Talent & Inclusion and advised of next steps, including additional WPI COVID-19 public health safety measures (e.g., additional mask wearing requirements, additional testing, social distancing, etc.) that may be required to protect the health and safety of the WPI community.

Employees of Chartwells and Dunkin’ Donuts requesting accommodations should consult their manager about the appropriate process.

D. **Consequences of Non-Compliance**

After the deadline for vaccination, unvaccinated employees without an approved vaccination accommodation will be placed on unpaid leave for six (6) weeks. Employees who fail to come into compliance by the end of this six-week unpaid leave may be subject to termination.

Employees of Chartwells and Dunkin’ Donuts should consult their manager about the consequences of non-compliance.

III. **Questions**

Questions should be directed to the Division of Talent & Inclusion at: talent@wpi.edu.

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