



# Tulane University School of Medicine COVID-19 Guidelines

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As we enter into the winter season, and in view of the new Omicron variant and updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) vaccination recommendations, SOM would like to remind everyone of its current SOM guidelines regarding COVID-19:

- The University has adopted a mandated COVID-19 vaccination policy for all employees, unless granted a medical or religious exemption.
- As recommended by the CDC, SOM strongly encourages everyone 18 years and older to receive a booster shot, at least 6 months after completing the primary COVID Pfizer or Moderna vaccination series or at least 2 months after receiving the J&J vaccine. To request a vaccination appointment, email [covidvaccine@tulane.edu](mailto:covidvaccine@tulane.edu). You may choose which COVID-19 vaccine you receive as a booster shot. Some people may prefer the vaccine type they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.
- All unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a mask indoors while in the presence of others.
- Anyone who wants to mask should be allowed to do so.
- **Masking is required** in all healthcare facilities, including clinic physicians' offices, hospitals and long-term care facilities.
- **Masking is encouraged** in public indoor spaces - especially when social distancing is not possible - as recommended by the CDC guideline
- Compliance with random COVID PCR screening is critical.
- If you think you might have COVID-19, contact the Tulane Living Well Clinic for testing.

Following these guidelines will help keep our campus and community safe. We sincerely hope each of you have a happy and safe end of the year and holiday break.

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