Get Vaccinated

COVID-19 Vaccines
Vaccination is the best protection against the spread of COVID-19 and its variants. A widely vaccinated campus community safeguards the health, wellness, and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

All ESF students are required to have a COVID-19 vaccination in order to live on campus and engage in in-person activities sponsored by ESF. This is consistent with the New York State directive for SUNY campuses and the SUNY COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.

To meet the SUNY vaccine requirements, students must:

1. Get the Pfizer/Comirnaty vaccine (2 doses) or
2. Get one of the two other CDC-authorized (but not yet FDA-approved) vaccines – either Moderna (2 doses) or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen (1 dose).

For international students, the World Health Organization also maintains a list of vaccines, and you may request that one of these vaccines be approved for use.

COVID-19 Booster
Boosters (additional dosage of the vaccine) are available to eligible individuals, but as of 12/17/2021, are not required for use of ESF facilities. However, conditions are changing, and ESF reserves the right to make boosters a requirement of participating in in-person activities on campus.

Please note that Syracuse University requires eligible individuals to receive a booster shot in order to use its facilities, including, but not limited to, classrooms, labs, libraries, dining facilities, and recreational facilities.

Proof of Vaccination
All students must verify their vaccination status and provide a copy of their completed vaccination form to Student Affairs.

This proof is required for students to participate in in-person activities on campus, including classes, labs, and other activities. Presentation of forged documents or not being truthful with vaccination status will result in legal action and/or student conduct action being taken against the relevant individuals.

Students are strongly encouraged to submit proof of a booster shot, as well.

Where to Obtain the COVID-19 Vaccine
Vaccines and boosters are available at no-cost. Vaccinations are available widely at pharmacies. As of 12/17/2021, you can make an appointment for a vaccine at:

- New York State Department of Health – links to appointments at state-run sites and private-sites
- Vaccines.gov – shows sites within 25 miles of ESF (zip code 13210)
- New York State Fair – Art & Home Center
- Walgreens – with locations near the ESF campus
- Kinney Drugs – with locations near the ESF campus
- Wegmans – with locations near the ESF campus
**Health Benefits and Risks of COVID-19 Vaccinations**

People who become infected with the COVID-19 virus and its variants may become severely ill and experience debilitating long-term effects. Death is a potential outcome.

Each individual’s health status is unique. This is not medical advice. To receive specific advice for you based on your own health history and risk factors, please consult with a medical professional.

Generally, studies indicate that vaccinated individuals are shown to be less likely to die or to otherwise become severely ill from contracting the virus. Not only does this protect the vaccinated individual, but it also reduces the impact on the healthcare system and frees resources for other patient needs.

Vaccinated individuals are less likely to transmit the virus to other individuals. This reduces the threat to the safety and well-being of those within the campus community who may be at risk for becoming infected with the virus.

You may experience side-effects from the vaccination, including on the arm where you received the injection and in the rest of your body, including fever, chills, and soreness. It should be noted that there have been reports of rare cases of myocarditis and pericarditis in adolescents and young adults, but the CDC continues to recommend vaccination because of the benefits.

**Beyond Health - Consequences for Failure to Obtain a Vaccine**

ESF’s vaccination mandate is a strict policy with serious repercussions that was put in place to protect the health and safety of our campus. Students who do not comply (or who have not provided proof of vaccination) shall be administratively withdrawn from their in-person courses and their registration will be deactivated, preventing them from participating in classes, labs, and ESF activities.

Potential consequences of this include:

- Loss of money
- Negative marks or grades on your transcript or other educational materials if withdrawal occurs after classes start
- Negative impact or loss of financial aid
- Delays in attaining your educational goals
- Loss of practical experiential learning opportunities (labs, externships, campus-based employment)
- Reduced opportunities for engaging in social activities

Withdrawal and refunds will be consistent with SUNY and ESF policies, procedures, and schedules.

Faculty are not required to record lectures or to provide real-time participation methods to lectures or labs for students who are excluded from participating because of vaccination status. ESF offers a hands-on learning approach, with many courses involving field work and lab experience, that are not practically held online.

ESF is attempting to continue in-person activities on campus and to promote a safe and health campus community. Our campus also relies on a close collaboration with Syracuse University, making use of its facilities and classrooms to supplement the educational experience on the ESF campus.

If granted an accommodation, you will be permitted to attend classes and labs on the ESF campus; however, you will be held to comply with all masking and testing guidelines for unvaccinated persons as required by ESF, Syracuse University (within its facilities), or other public health authority.
Effective immediately, without proof of vaccination, you are restricted from:

- Attending in-person classes at ESF
- Utilizing Syracuse University facilities, including classrooms, labs, dining facilities, recreational facilities, and libraries, because vaccination is required for students on the Syracuse University campus
- Moving into Centennial Hall
- Participating in extra-curricular activities or intercollegiate sports

**COVID-19 Infection Prevention Protocols**
To prevent infection with COVID-19, ESF is following the recommendations made by the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), including:

- Vaccination
- Mask wearing
- Social distancing and crowd avoidance
- Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer
- Covering mouths and noses when sneezing or coughing (followed by hand washing or use of sanitizer, as practical)
- Self-monitoring of health symptoms and changes

ESF has adopted the [Campus Mask Status](https://www.syr.edu/campus 更新链接) implemented by Syracuse University. This framework uses four levels to alert the community about masking requirements for using the campus facilities and applies to all students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors on the ESF campus at Syracuse. ESF reserves the right to set its levels different from those on the Syracuse University campus based on conditions on the ESF campus.
Additional Information & Resources

- SUNY – Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine for Students: https://www.suny.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/meetings/webcastdocs/Mandatory%20Vaccine%20Resolution.pdf
- Onondaga County https://covid19.ongov.net/
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention https://www.cdc.gov/
- Syracuse University – COVID Alert Framework: https://www.syracuse.edu/staysafe/covid-alert-framework/
- Syracuse University – Stay Safe – Frequently Asked Questions: https://www.syracuse.edu/staysafe/frequently-asked-questions/#s:facilities-considerations
- ESF – COVID-19 Updates: https://www.esf.edu/restart/

Note: This information is intended to meet the campus’ obligation to provide students with appropriate information about COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines, required by SUNY Policy Document No. 3100. This may be periodically updated and replaced on the SUNY ESF website as new information may be known or publicly available.