**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

**SPECIAL EDITION**

**News for Faculty and Instructors: Penn State and COVID-19**

**VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR SELECT CAMPUSES**

* All faculty and staff at Penn State locations where work is being conducted under federal contracts are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by December 8. This requirement affects [employees at University Park, Altoona, Behrend, Brandywine, DuBois, Fayette, and Harrisburg](https://news.psu.edu/story/673056/2021/10/19/campus-life/federal-vaccine-requirement-extends-six-campuses-federal).

**UPLOAD PROOF OF VACCINATION**

* Faculty and staff at Penn State campuses where they are required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 [can now upload their proof of vaccination online](https://news.psu.edu/story/673463/2021/10/21/employees-required-be-vaccinated-can-now-upload-their-proof-vaccination) and are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Faculty and instructors who are unsure if they have submitted proof of vaccination can check their status on the University’s [Salesforce Health Cloud](https://psu-healthcloud.force.com/vaccine/s/vaccineimageupload).

**APPLY FOR A RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION FOR THE VACCINE REQUIREMENT**

* Penn State is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive experience for all and recognizes true and genuine observances of faith and beliefs as they pertain to immunization for members of the University community. Faculty and instructors who wish to request an exemption to the vaccination requirement for religious-related reasons may do so at <https://affirmativeaction.psu.edu/covid-19-information/>. More information is available in [this article](https://news.psu.edu/story/673976/2021/10/25/process-request-religious-accommodations-vaccine-mandate-now-available).

**APPLY FOR A SPRING 2022 WORK ADJUSTMENT**

* Guidance has been updated and released to inform faculty and instructors of on-campus work expectations and the [work adjustments process](https://news.psu.edu/story/672689/2021/10/14/administration/faculty-work-adjustments-process-renewed-spring-2022) for spring 2022. A document describing the work adjustment process and criteria is available [here](https://vpfa.psu.edu/files/2021/10/Faculty-Work-Adjustments-Process_10-14-21.pdf). Faculty with an approved work adjustment for fall 2021 may apply for an extension of their work adjustment to spring 2022 [here](https://forms.office.com/r/EH4YjD44bp). The form for faculty who do not currently have a work adjustment, but who want to request one for spring 2022, is available [here](https://sites.psu.edu/academicaffairs/files/2021/10/Faculty-Work-Adjustment-Request-Form_10-14-21.docx). The deadline to apply for a spring semester work adjustment is October 29.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**To obtain comprehensive, updated information at any time, please review:**

* The University’s comprehensive resources on its [“University Status” page](https://virusinfo.psu.edu/university-status/) and [updated FAQs](https://virusinfo.psu.edu/faq/topic/latest-updates) regarding **on-campus work and learning**
* Penn State’s [“Keep Teaching”](https://keepteaching.psu.edu/) and [“Keep Learning”](https://keeplearning.psu.edu/) websites, including many [instruction-related FAQs](https://keepteaching.psu.edu/frequently-asked-questions/)
* Penn State’s [COVID-19 dashboard](https://virusinfo.psu.edu/covid-19-dashboard)
* Previous issues of this [Digest](https://www.vpfa.psu.edu/penn-state-pandemic-news-digest-archive/)
* The [Office of Human Resources COVID-19 information site](https://hr.psu.edu/covid-19-coronavirus) and [“Return to Work on Campus”](https://sites.psu.edu/returntowork/) resource site
* The University’s [health information page focused on personal safety practices](https://virusinfo.psu.edu/stay-well) for individuals at all campuses
* A robust, updated[list of contacts and resources](https://sites.psu.edu/virusinfo/contacts-and-resources-for-penn-staters/)for the University community
* The Social Science Research Institute [website featuring pandemic-related insights from University experts](https://covid-19.ssri.psu.edu/) and other resources