



Rutgers has updated its vaccination policy as of May 28, 2021.

COVID-19 incidence rates in New Jersey have markedly decreased and are likely to continue to decrease in the coming weeks. Therefore, for international students outside of the US who cannot receive a [US FDA EUA-authorized vaccine](#) (currently Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen-J&J), and who have been vaccinated in their home country, Rutgers will now accept proof of vaccination by a [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) authorized vaccine (e.g., AstraZeneca, SinoPharm BIBP). The relevant vaccination records must be uploaded to the Rutgers Immunization Portal at rutgers.medicatconnect.com.

Rutgers will also continue to offer US FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines to international students upon arrival at no cost, as previously noted, for those that have not yet been vaccinated with an US FDA-authorized vaccine. International students (in F-1 and J-1 visa status) may enter the country no more than 30 days prior to the start of the fall term. To ensure that students who need to be vaccinated upon arrival are able to do so and to allow for necessary vaccination wait times and quarantine, the university is in the process of developing interim housing space in August.

Rutgers continues to closely monitor both the science of COVID-19 vaccination (including the effectiveness of WHO-authorized vaccines and the safety/effectiveness of boosting with an FDA-authorized vaccine), as well as COVID-19 rates regionally and globally. This information may inform future changes or updates of the Rutgers vaccination or re-vaccination policies.

The health and safety of our students and all members of the Rutgers community is the driving force behind the Rutgers vaccine policies. We encourage all eligible international students abroad to seek out and receive COVID-19 vaccines that are internationally approved, if at all possible.

Additional information and details will be provided in the coming weeks on the [University-wide COVID-19 vaccination information](#) site, the [COVID Related International Student FAQ](#) page, and through the [Rutgers Global Alerts](#). Please continue to check your Rutgers email for information and updates.

Contact ISSS at iss-students@global.rutgers.edu with any questions.

Best wishes,
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