

May 19, 2021

Dear Yavapai College Residence Hall Community,

As we mark the end of the 2020-2021 academic year and look forward to a full residential living model for the upcoming Fall term, we have some new requirements to share with you. We know that COVID-19 will continue to present challenges; we all have a responsibility for creating and supporting the conditions for a safe and healthy return to a full in-person experience for on-campus living.

For this reason, we are requiring that all residence hall students be vaccinated against COVID-19 for the Fall 2021 semester.

This decision was guided by our commitment to wellness for our students that live in campus housing, and a review of the data provided by public health experts. Vaccination against COVID-19 will play a critical part in ensuring our residence hall community's health and safety. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated as soon as possible. You can find details about COVID-19 vaccinations from the CDC's vaccine location webpage.

Verification of your full vaccination (both doses for Pfizer and Moderna) will be required before being allowed to move into the residence halls in August. Please upload your vaccine verification on our secure upload site.

We acknowledge that vaccine hesitancy may exist for some in our communities and that there are individuals who cannot be vaccinated due to medical or religious exemption. If you feel that you qualify for an exemption, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 928-776-2220 or email residence.life@yc.edu.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to a safe and healthy on-campus living environment.

Be safe and well,

Tania Sheldahl - Dean of Students Associate Vice President Student Affairs

RESIDENCE HALL COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FAQ

Will YC require residence hall students to be fully vaccinated before they arrive on campus?

Yes. Incoming Fall 2021 residents are required to be fully vaccinated before they move into the halls, which means two weeks will have passed since their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two weeks past the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

In order to achieve this, students should get their first vaccine dose NO LATER THAN JUNE 15TH.

To ensure your timely move-in, please upload proof of your full vaccination documentation to the Office of Residence Life

NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1ST.

Step by step instructions regarding how to upload your vaccination documentation is on the next page

What happens if I'm an incoming fall resident and unable to get a vaccine before I arrive on campus, but agree to get one once I'm here?

Given the significant increase in COVID-19 vaccine distribution rates, YC believes all incoming residents should have ample time to become fully vaccinated before move-in. International students who are having difficulty accessing one of the vaccines will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

I already had COVID, do I still need to be vaccinated to live-on campus?

Yes. It is still unknown how much lasting immunity results from a COVID-19 infection, but vaccines provide a safe and reliable method of protection. However, if you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine. If this applies to you, please contact Residence Life for further instructions.

How do I schedule my vaccination appointment?

Pease visit <u>www.vaccines.gov</u> to find an appointment location near you.

How do I request an immunization exemption?

Please contact The Office of Residence Life at 928-776-2220 or email residence.life@yc.edu to inquire about immunization exemption qualifications and approval requirements.

How does this impact other COVID-19 safety requirements on campus?

Yavapai College will continue to evaluate and modify the campus-wide COVID-19 Re-Entry Plan based on state-wide executive orders and CDC measures and guidelines. Please <u>visit www.yc.edu/reentry</u> for continual updates and check your scholar email regularly for COVID-19 updates that are specific to living on campus.

How do I submit proof of my COVID-19 Vaccination?

Once you are fully vaccinated, upload your COVID-19 vaccine documentation through the YC <u>Secure File Uploader</u> by August 1st to ensure you do not experience move-in delays.

Visit www.yc.edu/secureupload (myYC log-in is required) to upload your documentation.

