

# **COVID-19 Vaccine Policy**

## POLICY FOR SUMMER/GAP STUDENTS

### Summary

The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of the Dragons community, including participants, staff, host-community members, local partners, and others who live or work in the areas in which Dragons programming operates. The efficacy of vaccines and expanding vaccine eligibility and availability will allow for a growing number of our community to address the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Further, we anticipate that as vaccines become more available worldwide, some countries may require proof of COVID-19 vaccination for entry or proof of vaccination may fast-track potential guarantine requirements.

As such, Dragons requires all program participants to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and to provide proof of having received a COVID-19 vaccine, subject to limited exemptions and exceptions, prior to the start of a program.

#### **Exceptions and Exemptions**

An exception to the COVID-19 vaccine requirement may be made based on a person's sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance. Additionally, some individuals may be considered exempt from the requirement to receive a COVID-19 vaccine due to medical contraindications or precautions recognized by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration or Centers for Disease control and Prevention; or disability.

Requests for exceptions or exemptions must be submitted in writing to <a href="info@wheretherebedragons.com">info@wheretherebedragons.com</a>. All requests should include a letter from the participant describing, in detail, the reason for the request.

- **Religious Exceptions:** It is requested, though not required, that a signed letter from a religious leader of the faith community to which the participant is a member, stating the need for an exemption, be provided for those requesting religious exemptions.
- Medical Exemptions: A signed statement of medical exemption from a primary care provider that indicates a COVID-19 immunization is medically inadvisable must be provided for those requesting medical exemptions.

Dragons reserves the right to grant or deny requests for exceptions and exemptions to the COVID-19 vaccine policy. A participant who is granted an exception or an exemption may be required to adhere to additional safety protocols, restrictions, and may incur additional costs for reasonable accommodations that are made to allow the participant to engage in programming while also protecting the health and safety of the Dragons community.

#### **Proof of Vaccination**

Participants are required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or submit a request for an exception or exemption to Dragons no later than 30 days prior to the program start date. Proof of vaccination should make clear that the participant is fully vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control considers individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19 once 2 weeks or more has passed since they received their final dose of a vaccine (second dose for a two-dose vaccine or one dose for a single dose vaccine).

Dragons will accept the vaccines listed below with emergency use authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the World Health Organization (WHO).

## U.S. Vaccines with FDA EUA

- Pfizer-BioNTech
- Moderna
- Johnson & Johnson/Janssen

International vaccines authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization:

- AstraZeneca
- Covishield (Serum Institute of India)
- Sinopharm (Beijing Bio-Institute of Biological Products)
- Comirnaty/BNT162b2 (Fosun Pharmaceuticals, Hong Kong)

If a participant has received/will receive a vaccine not included in the above list, they should contact Dragons Administration.

Proof of vaccination does not exempt participants from any COVID-19 testing or mitigation strategies that may be required by Dragons.