



COVID-19 VACCINATION FAQs

Why does my child need to be vaccinated?

This decision to require vaccinations for faculty, staff and students ages 12 and older is to protect the health and safety of our community—and the NYC community—to the fullest extent possible, and to enable our students to engage in-person and more fully in various aspects of school life than they have since the onset of the pandemic. Avenues will continue to make health and safety the primary consideration in all of our decision-making and to rely on the most up-to-date scientific information available to make informed decisions about our operations and COVID risk mitigation protocols.

Where can my child get vaccinated?

Any New Yorker 5 or older is eligible to be vaccinated in New York; see the [New York State vaccine hub](#) for a list of vaccine locations in New York. Out-of-state residents should contact their local or state authorities for information.

Do I have to pay to have my child vaccinated?

No, the U.S. federal government is providing the COVID-19 vaccination [free of charge](#), regardless of immigration or health insurance status.

My child already had COVID-19. Do they still need to be vaccinated?

Yes. It is possible to contract COVID-19 again after having tested positive.

If my child has had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, can they still receive the vaccine?

Yes, as long as they have been released from isolation, are no longer symptomatic, and have been medically cleared by a doctor after having COVID-19, they are able to get vaccinated. They do not have to wait until 90 days after their diagnosis. As long as they are not actively sick, they are able to get the vaccine.

How do I provide proof my child has been vaccinated?

Just as with other required vaccine records, you can upload your child's vaccine card to Magnus in the Immunization Form section. Click the "Edit" button to add a record.

How will my child's vaccination data be used?

Vaccination data will be used to prevent and respond to the presence of COVID-19 on campus and to comply with federal, local and campus public health guidelines. As with all health-related information, the proof of vaccine will be maintained in accordance with all applicable laws and public health regulations.

If my child is vaccinated do they still need to participate in on-campus COVID-19 surveillance testing?

No, just as our vaccinated colleagues no longer participate in our weekly testing protocol, we will not have vaccinated students participate either. However, please note that students are required to participate in surveillance testing until two weeks post their second vaccine. If you have questions about this please reach out to nurse-ny@avenues.org.

If my child is vaccinated will they still need to wear a mask on campus and can they mix with other vaccinated students?

Yes. We are requiring universal masking for all colleagues and students at the start of the school year based on the recommendation of the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics. Our goal is to ease some of the risk mitigation measures on campus based on the number of vaccinated individuals and guidance from health authorities and experts. Decisions about masks will be based on future conditions, evidence, and guidance.

Will there be exemptions to immunization against COVID-19?

Valid medical exemptions will be accommodated absent any future legal changes that modify applicable exemptions. For example, should the COVID-19 vaccine be added to the list of mandatory student vaccines under New York's Public Health Law, a religious exemption for students may no longer be applicable. Additional details about the process to apply for an exemption will be forthcoming.

My child doesn't qualify for a medical exemption but I don't want them to be vaccinated. Will there be a full-remote/virtual option for students who are not vaccinated?

We will not be offering a full-time remote option for students at Avenues New York but rather would encourage you to consider Avenues Online. If you are interested in more information about this option, please reach out to our admissions team.

My child is not yet 12 years old; will Avenues eventually be requiring younger students to receive the COVID vaccination?

If your child is turning 12 at some point during the school year, they are required to share proof of full vaccination within 45 days of their 12th birthday. Regarding students 5–11, we do intend to require this age group to be vaccinated prior to the start of the 2022–23 school year so we encourage you to have your child vaccinated as soon as they are eligible.

If my child is vaccinated, will they still need to submit the QT app information every day?

Yes. All colleagues and students still need to complete the daily healthy attestation on the QT app before arrival at school each day.

If my child has a medical exemption for the vaccine, will they still be able to fully participate in classroom and other activities with peers who are vaccinated?

Yes.