

[ALL_STUDENTS] Community Update: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Requirement

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President G. Gabrielle Starr

Briefly:

- Please get your COVID-19 vaccine booster now.
- We are requiring eligible students, faculty and staff to get a booster by January 18.
- Staff, faculty and students should upload booster information below.
- Our aim is to promote safety and avoid disruption to students' education.

Dear Pomona College Community,

We are writing to you at the close of a successful semester, with students on campus and immersed in the full intellectual and community experience we value as a small liberal arts college. As we wish all of you a joyful and restorative break, we are also preparing for the new challenges posed by the Omicron variant of COVID-19 and are working to do everything possible to create conditions for a safe and successful spring semester.

We need your help to stay on course. The scientific data shows significant benefits associated with the available booster vaccines. Whether you are a student, staff or faculty member, please get your COVID-19 booster [right when you become eligible](#). If you have already done so, we thank you.

We are requiring boosters and will provide additional details on medical and religious exemption requests and other steps during the week of January 10. In the meantime, eligible students, faculty and staff should [receive a booster](#) by no later than **Tuesday, January 18**. (Those who are not yet eligible will have seven days to do so from the day they become eligible to get their booster.) Please act now to protect our community. Students need to [upload their booster information to Student Health Services](#). Faculty and staff who have received a booster need to [upload their information](#) to Pomona's system.

We have a [multi-layered approach](#) to protect our community. That includes masks, testing and vaccination. If additional information becomes available, we will provide updates over the break by email. We once again will start the next semester with extra caution regarding large events, and no in-person 5C events will be held from the beginning of the semester through the week of February 7.

In the face of pandemic fatigue, let's continue to work together to promote safety and avoid disruption.

We wish everyone happy holidays and a restful winter break.

Sincerely,

G. Gabrielle Starr, president

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