Eden Theological Seminary Required Vaccine Verification for all Registered Students 6/28/2022



As a part of Eden Seminary's attention and public health and safety protocols related to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, we are requiring vaccine verification for all faculty, staff, and students for the 2022-23 academic year. Since returning to the residential campus on July 6, 2021, faculty and staff continue to update and verify their vaccine status. This notice is to announce and serve as a reminder that all students are required to do the same.

Last summer, we announced Eden's Staff and Faculty have created a "blended" environment for our community of learning and faith; in which, master level students can elect (via Hyflex registration) to attend classrooms either digitally or physically. We welcome all master level students the option to be on campus for social events, lectures, programs, and classes or to attend online. For Doctor of Ministry students, classrooms and offices are vaccine verified spaces. Your ministry program has required on campus or immersive experiences that require you to participate in vaccine verified spaces. All registered students are required to verify their vaccination status via https://form.jotform.com/212174670581051 with a photograph of their vaccine record – **prior to July 29, 2022.**

Which vaccines are approved? <u>World Health Organization-authorized vaccines</u> are acceptable; Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson are included

Where is a vaccination location near me? Vaccines.gov - Find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you

How can I self-schedule if I'm in or near, St. Louis, MO? COVID-19 - Affinia Healthcare

If for some reason your vaccination card is NOT complete by July 29th, please attend all events and classes virtually to help us maintain verified safe zones. Students can request accommodations for medical exemptions within Brightspace, the Office of Student Affairs/Accommodations.

Thank you for your cooperation to ensure your health and the well-being of the Eden Community are safe.

With you in hope on behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration,

Rev. Sonja B. Williams, PhD.

Dean of the Seminary

Eden Theological Seminary Mask Requirement for all persons (vaccinated or not) in Public Indoor Areas

The Seminary has been closely monitoring recent developments and public health authorities' announcements regarding the Omicron Variant related surge in COVID 19 infections, and hospitalizations. We are reassured that vaccines and measures such as wearing a mask and observing proper sanitation are powerful tools in helping people avoid infection and/or serious illness. For this reason; in addition to requiring vaccine verification for all members of the Eden community (faculty, staff, and students), the Seminary requires that masks be worn by all people (vaccinated or not) in public spaces (hallways, chapel, Luhr Reference Room, and restrooms) in the Seminary buildings. For the Eden- Webster Emerson Library, please follow their online requirements http://library.webster.edu/.

The Seminary administration is continuing to follow the guidance of public health authorities and will decide in late August as to whether classrooms (with vaccine verified students and faculty) are considered safe enough not to require masking. This decision would be to facilitate full participation/communication between faculty and students physically present in classrooms. This determination will be made with the safety of students and faculty in view.

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