



**Office of the Chancellor**

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Dear Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) Community:

The University continues its steadfast commitment to providing a safe environment for all faculty, staff, and students. By continuing to follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, we aim to facilitate and practice safety precautions. Hence, on August 24, 2021, the Southern University System (SUS) added the COVID-19 vaccination to the list of immunizations required for admission to any SUS institution.

In order to comply with this requirement, all SUNO students must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination by November 1, 2021. Additionally, faculty and staff must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination by November 1, 2021. Individuals will be able to request exemptions for **ONLY** medical and religious reasons.

To document compliance with this requirement, faculty, staff, and students must complete the vaccination form that allows you to upload your vaccination card or supporting documentation as to why you have not been vaccinated. To upload documentation visit, <https://www.suno.edu/page/human-resources>. If not vaccinated, you will be required to test weekly at the University Center every Monday between 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

It is imperative that you submit your documents as soon as possible. By acting now, you will have ample time to comply before the implementation deadline.

Please note that the campus protocols must still be adhered to, including wearing a mask, social distancing, and practicing safe CDC hygiene. We will continue to share updates on our COVID-19 [website](#).

Our goal at SUNO is to have a 100% vaccination rate for faculty, staff, and students. The University supports this effort and will be proactive in providing vaccinations and COVID-19 testing. Please plan to attend the town hall meeting with Dr. Gregory Ford, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, on September 30, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. for more information.

***“An Equal Educational Opportunity Institution”***

Yesterday, SUNO held a community-wide testing and vaccination event in the University Center. This event was held to encourage students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated or receive free PCR testing. As an incentive, all eligible students who got vaccinated received a \$100 gift card through the statewide vaccination campaign for college students known as, [Shot for 100](#).

Reputable research studies have concluded that COVID-19 vaccinations remain the safest and most effective defense against the virus and its variants. Thank you again for your resilience during the pandemic and your commitment to a healthy and safe SUNO campus.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James H. Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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