Dear (graduate student),

Thank you for letting us know that you (and/or your partner, spouse, or eligible family members) anticipate being unable to meet MIT’s July 30 Covid-19 vaccine requirement deadline. This could be due to a variety of reasons, including:

- lack of vaccine access in your home country;
- only having received one dose by the deadline / your campus arrival date;
- delays due to visa or travel issues; or
- having received a non-WHO or FDA approved vaccine.

If your plans change and you need to edit your response, please visit https://mit.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77XKZ2UD2SCCf5A?Q_R=R_sL6YQw2E4tsmDXr&Q_R_DEL=1 to update your information.

To ensure a smooth entry, you must take the following steps...

1. Upon arrival, test at an MIT Medical Covid-19 testing facility. A physical MIT ID is not needed for testing, but you will need to know your MIT ID number and/or your Kerberos username. Also of note…

   - For on-campus residents, if you are unable to complete a Covid-19 test upon arrival, you will be provided provisional access to your housing assignment until your test is verified by using the Covid Pass system. Please visit the front desk of your residence during regular hours following your arrival to initiate the check-in process or, if you are arriving after the front desk closes, please please dial (617) 253-1500 from a non-MIT phone or call 3-1500 from the beige phone in the outer lobby to tell the operator that you’re moving into your residence.

2. Quarantine for a full 7 days, per CDC guidelines...

   - If needed, Housing and Residential Services will arrange for temporary housing assignments to facilitate the quarantine period and will be in touch with students living in MIT residences in advance.
   - New arrivals should monitor for any symptoms for the next 7 days (testing on days 0, 4, 7), wear a face covering in all settings with other people (whether others are vaccinated or not), and get vaccinated.
   - Note: The quarantine process limits a person’s movement during the period when it is unclear whether they have the virus. If a person is quarantining, they will be instructed to limit their movements outside of their rooms for approximately seven days. If they need to go to a vaccine clinic, get tested, pick up food or a package at the desk, or grab take out at a dining hall, they will be required to wear a face covering while outside their room.

3. Go to an MIT Medical vaccination clinic...

   - MIT Medical will be administering a free Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine to MIT students (and your eligible partner, spouse, dependents, and/or family members). Receiving the one-shot vaccine will be easy and will ensure that you are fully immunized as quickly as possible.
   - For those who arrive fully unvaccinated (no doses), please go to the one-dose clinics held at MIT Medical (Building E23, Room 009) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in August.
   - Following this vaccination at MIT Medical, you (and your eligible partner, spouse, dependents, and/or family members) will have access to essential parts of campus, and your course registration will not be put on hold. On-campus residents will be provided access to their assigned room after completing the entry testing protocols, although temporary accommodations may be required during the quarantine period as outlined above.
   - If you anticipate a late arrival and will miss the on-campus clinics, please record or update your arrival date using the online form, and we will reach out with alternative vaccination options. You must be vaccinated as soon as
you arrive to maintain access to campus buildings.

- If you have been partially vaccinated with a vaccine not available in the United States, or you have been vaccinated with a vaccine not approved by the World Health Organization, email covidteam@med.mit.edu and one of our MIT Medical clinicians will make a recommendation for what the next step is for vaccination.

For all students, the latest information about testing, access, and vaccination can be found on https://covidapps.mit.edu. Please direct any questions to vaccine-requirement@mit.edu.

We appreciate your patience and understanding with taking these (and potentially other) steps to keep yourself and others in the MIT community safe. We are keeping a close eye on how the Covid-19 pandemic is continuing to evolve and, in particular, the challenges the Delta variant brings.

We look forward to seeing you this fall.

Thanks,

MIT Medical

Most Common Questions (with more to come)

Do I have to come a week earlier?
Ideally, they should come a week earlier. More to come on this …

Can I participate in international orientation/REX/Sophomore Exploration if I’m not vaccinated?
The current thinking: Masked outdoor type events for the unvax are fine. More details to come.

What are the implications for students who receive a two-dose vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) near the start of the semester? Will they be able to register and have access to campus after the first dose, or will their registration be blocked until they have two doses?

They will have a temporary exemption that allows them to register and have access to campus. They will need to wear a mask and should try and maintain social distancing to the best of their ability after the quarantine period, in order to protect themselves.

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7.15.2021 Vaccination Letter from MIT Medical

If you haven't viewed it already, MIT's vaccination requirements are listed here: https://covidapps.mit.edu/vaccine-information#mit-requirements