On May 16, 2023, the University of California announced revisions to the University of California COVID-19 vaccine policy in light of changes to state and federal COVID-19 public health guidance and the end of the federal Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023.

Effective immediately:

- The University will require students and employees to either receive or affirmatively decline a COVID-19 vaccination each year.
- Students and employees will no longer be required to submit documentation of a COVID-19 primary series or submit and receive an approved medical or religious exception, or disability deferral to be present on campus.

The Policy on Vaccination Programs—With Updated Interim Amendments will be revised to reflect these changes. See the UCI Forward vaccination page for additional information.

You do not need to take any action at this time. Watch for campus communications later this year on how to attest or affirmatively decline the COVID-19 vaccine. While UCI will only assess COVID-19 vaccine policy compliance on an annual basis, we recommend all in the UCI community stay up to date with the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations.

UCI’s Contact Tracing and Vaccine Navigation Services is available to answer questions and can also help individuals find vaccine resources in the community. Call 949-824-2300 or email contacttracing@uci.edu.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect your health and the health of our campus community.

Sincerely,

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