

Acknowledgment and Statement of Declination of the COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 is a highly transmissible respiratory illness that the World Health Organization has declared a pandemic. It causes symptoms ranging from mild to severe and can lead to life-threatening illness, hospitalization, and death. COVID-19 vaccines have been carefully evaluated in clinical trials and authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use. These vaccines make it substantially less likely an individual will contract COVID-19 and become seriously ill or die, and they protect not only the individuals vaccinated, but also others in the community.

In order to maximize the health and safety of the entire Caltech community, the Institute will require all students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine once it is fully licensed (approved) by the FDA, subject to limited exemptions. In the meantime, and during the period that several COVID-19 vaccines are granted emergency use authorization (EUA) status, the Institute will require that all students either submit proof of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine or execute this Acknowledgment and Statement of Declination of the COVID-19 Vaccine.

By signing below, I acknowledge the following:

- I have [access to information about COVID-19 vaccines](#).
- I have opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, at no charge to me.
- If I decline the COVID-19 vaccine, I recognize and accept that there will be consequences including but not limited to:
 - I may be at risk of contracting COVID-19 and spreading it to others.
 - I will be required to isolate or quarantine if I contract COVID-19 or am exposed to a confirmed case.
 - I will be required to participate in COVID-19 testing at a frequency to be determined by the Institute, which may be more frequently than vaccinated individuals.
 - I may be required to take additional measures, such as wearing additional personal protective equipment, maintaining social distancing, participating remotely, and/or other risk mitigations.
 - I may not be eligible to live in or access student housing or student activities.
 - I may not be able to attend Institute-sponsored or on-campus events.
 - I may not be eligible to participate in certain extracurricular activities, such as athletics, performing arts, etc.
- Caltech may change its [vaccination policy](#) in the future and require additional measures to ensure the health and safety of myself and others.
- I understand Caltech will require all students to receive COVID-19 vaccines once they are fully approved by the FDA, subject to limited exemptions allowed by law.

After considering the above, I choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at this time. It is my responsibility to be cognizant of Institute policies and restrictions, and I agree that I will comply with all existing and future policies and procedures regarding COVID-19 to protect the health and safety of myself and others.

By signing below, I verify that I am declining COVID-19 vaccination at this time.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Caltech ID: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____