

**Western Michigan University**

**Sindecuse Health Center**

**COVID-19 Pandemic / Process for students arriving from international locations**

**2021-2022**

**Background Information:**

Western Michigan University has a strong campus mission of health and wellbeing to students, faculty and staff and that requires a process for entry to campus after international travel. The CDC currently has recommendations in place for international travel, which is dependent on vaccination status. WMU currently follows CDC guidelines when making medical recommendations to students regarding COVID-19. Additionally, WMU has implemented a badging and screening system for on-campus activities. A part of this badging system requires documentation of COVID-19 vaccination, verified and reviewed by Sindecuse Health Center Staff. Only people who have received all recommended doses of an [FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines](#) or [WHO-listed COVID-19 vaccines](#) are considered fully vaccinated for the purpose of public health guidance.

**Process and Responsibilities for STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED prior to their departure to the US**

1. Three weeks prior to departure to the US, fully vaccinated students upload vaccination information into the Sindecuse Health Center Patient Portal found at the following link : [https://healthmanager.wmich.edu/login\\_dualauthentication.aspx](https://healthmanager.wmich.edu/login_dualauthentication.aspx)
2. Sindecuse staff will review and send a secure message through the portal indicating review of vaccination information and if vaccination information is sufficient to consider the student is 'fully vaccinated'.
3. Three to five days after having arrived in the US, fully vaccinated students should take a COVID-19 antigen test at Sindecuse Health Center. There is no need for fully vaccinated students to quarantine after arriving in the US.
4. Fully vaccinated students should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms .

**Process and Responsibilities for UNVACCINATED STUDENTS**

1. Unvaccinated students must take a COVID-19 antigen test, at Sindecuse Health Center, three to five days after having arrived in the US, AND should also stay home and self-quarantine for a full seven days after travel.
2. Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
3. If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
4. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
5. Unvaccinated students should also avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
6. Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.

**Process and Responsibilities for UNVACCINATED STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM A DOCUMENTED COVID-19 INFECTION in the last 3 months**

1. Send an email to [health@sindecuse.com](mailto:health@sindecuse.com) with an attached picture of your testing results including a date.
2. Follow the process for fully vaccinated individuals.
3. Current recommendations are that you get vaccinated after recovery from illness.
4. Continue to use the badging system on-campus for the duration of your stay at WMU.

**Questions?** Contact Sindecuse Health Center [health@sindecuse.com](mailto:health@sindecuse.com)

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**Evaluation of individuals vaccinated outside the United States (from cdc.gov)**

People who were vaccinated outside the United States with an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine and have received all the recommended doses **do not need** any additional doses.

People who received the first dose of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine that requires two doses do not need to restart the vaccine series in the United States but should receive the second dose as close to the recommended time as possible.

The minimum interval between the last dose of a non-FDA authorized vaccine or a WHO-listed vaccine and an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine is 28 days. Only people who have received all recommended doses of an FDA-authorized or WHO-listed COVID-19 vaccine are considered fully vaccinated for the purpose of public health guidance.