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## **Request for COVID Immunization Exemption**

COVID vaccination is required of all enrolled PLU students. Exemption from this vaccine may be requested by reading this policy and the implications for campus activities, if you opt for exemption.

The <u>current CDC recommendation</u> for COVID vaccination is a single dose of the Pfizer or Moderna bivalent vaccine (first available September 2022). A record of prior COVID vaccines will be accepted to meet the vaccination requirement, but all students are strongly recommended to have received the bivalent booster by the time they arrive on campus. Unvaccinated individuals are at greater risk of severe illness from COVID, with the potential result of extended impact to long-term health, and longer durations of absence from academic and extracurricular participation.

The PLU Health Center does not provide either of these vaccines but they are available at most pharmacies, health departments and many primary care clinics.

Exemptions can be made based on medical or religious grounds. If a student is granted an exemption and suspects they have been exposed or they test positive, they are required to follow the <u>current CDC guidelines</u> for isolation. If you were exposed to COVID, you are to follow these updated CDC guidelines. These are the current guidelines regardless of vaccine status.

I have read the PLU COVID vaccine policy and understand the implications of choosing to exempt myself from vaccination.

Student signature	PLU ID number
Student printed name	Date
If under 18, please provide parent or guardian signature:	
Date and initials received and approved by PLU Health	h Center