

# The Ailey School

## Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

July 2021

The Ailey School will require all students who are taking in person classes, living in Ailey-sponsored housing, or entering The Joan Weil Center for Dance (the “Ailey Building”) for any reason to be vaccinated for COVID-19 by August 23, 2021 (two weeks prior to the first day of the fall 2021 term which commences on September 7, 2021).

### Overview

Except as set forth below in the section titled “Exemptions,” all students must: (1) be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (i.e., two weeks following receiving both doses of a two-dose vaccine or a single dose of a one-dose vaccine considered effective by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and/or the World Health Organization (“WHO”)), and (2) provide to the Admissions Department at The Ailey School proof of vaccination. Ailey may also require that students receive any booster shots that may be recommended by the health authorities.

Documentation should only include proof of vaccination and not other medical or genetic information (e.g., family medical history). Documentation must be uploaded to this link>> [VACCINE DOCUMENTATION](#). Files should be named in the following format:

**"JosephSmith-Moderna-6-5-21"**

*(The student’s name should be as it appears in our admissions records. The date should be in the U.S. date format of month-day-year)*

### Exemptions from Immunization Requirements

Medical Exemption: If a licensed physician or nurse practitioner certifies in writing that the student has a health condition which is a valid contraindication to receiving a specific vaccine, then a permanent or temporary (for resolvable conditions such as pregnancy) exemption may be granted. This statement must specify those immunizations which may be detrimental and the length of time they may be detrimental.

In the event of an outbreak, medically exempt individuals should be protected from exposure. This may include exclusion from classes or the Ailey Building.

Religious Exemption: A student may be exempt from vaccination if, in the opinion of The Ailey School, that student or student's parent(s) or guardian of those less than 18 years old holds genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to the practice of immunization. Requests for exemptions must be written and signed by the student if 18 years of age or older, or parent(s), or guardian if under the age of 18. The Ailey School may require supporting documents.

In the event of an outbreak, religiously exempt individuals should be protected from exposure. This may include exclusion from classes or the Ailey Building.

To request a medical or religious exemption, please submit the relevant information via email to [admissions@alvinailey.org](mailto:admissions@alvinailey.org). Requests will be reviewed on an on-going basis, and we expect to respond within one week of submission.

Those who are exempted from being vaccinated against COVID-19, as well as those who have received a vaccine that the CDC and/or WHO has not determined to be effective, may be required to undergo COVID 19 testing as recommended by public health authorities and Ailey's epidemiological advisors.

#### Additional Information

This policy is an essential component of Ailey's overall strategy and commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy educational environment and workplace during the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy is designed for use together with, and not as a substitute for, other safety measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in the educational environment and workplace.

This policy will remain in effect until further notice. Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to JoAnne Ruggeri, Director of Admissions & Student Affairs, at [jruggeri@alvinailey.org](mailto:jruggeri@alvinailey.org).

**As of July 1, 2021 the following vaccines are accepted by the Ailey School**

**FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines:**

The FDA has listed the following COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use:

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., COMIRNATY, Tozinameran)
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine
- Moderna COVID-10 vaccine

**WHO-authorized COVID-19 vaccines:**

As of July 1, 2021, WHO has listed the following COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use:

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., COMIRNATY, Tozinameran)
- AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., Covishield, Vaxzevria)
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine
- Moderna COVID-10 vaccine
- Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine
- Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine