1. **Have any current Messiah University students and employees received the COVID-19 vaccine?**

   Currently, Messiah University does not yet have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. However, under Pennsylvania’s current vaccine plan phase, some individual students and employees have been able to receive the vaccine due to their roles as healthcare workers/students or other first responders, or due to their age and/or related personal health conditions.

2. **If I’ve already been vaccinated for COVID-19 will I still need to test, quarantine or follow campus mitigation measures during the spring semester?**

   Below is a summary for students or employees who have had **TWO documented doses** of COVID-19 Vaccine:

   **Proof of vaccination:** You must submit proof of vaccination to the Engle Center by uploading it via the Document Upload Page on the Engle Center’s Online Health Portal. (Both students and employees may upload documentation using this link.)


   **Mitigation:** You must still follow all mitigation protocols as outlined by the University, including wearing a mask, social distancing, completing daily health screening, etc.

   **Testing and quarantine:**

   - **You must still undergo all COVID-19 testing** that the University requires of all students/faculty/employees, including screening tests.
     - *Why is this?* Currently, the CDC is recommending no change in mitigation efforts after receiving the vaccine and has insufficient data regarding when full immunity after the second dose takes effect. We greatly appreciate those who have been vaccinated and it is our strong desire for our campus community as a whole to be vaccinated as it becomes available. We anticipate that as we learn more, and are given further clarity and guidance from the CDC and the PA Department of Health, that we will adjust these protocols. We appreciate your patience as we try to make the best decisions to keep our community safe.

   - You will still be required to TEST and undergo quarantine, **should you become symptomatic** with COVID-like symptoms at any time, and as advised by Engle Center medical personnel.
• You will still be required to TEST, but will be EXEMPT from quarantine, should you be exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, as advised by Engle Center medical personnel.

3. When are Messiah students and employees expected to be able to have access to the COVID-19 vaccine?

Widespread access: Messiah University is eagerly anticipating further clarity and guidance from the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health regarding our campus community’s broader access to the vaccine and how we may provide vaccination for our students and employees.

As of the publish date of these FAQs, Pennsylvania is in phase 1A of its vaccination roll out plan, which includes long-term care residents, health care workers and other first responders, and individuals at high risk due to age or medical condition. Phase 1B lists “people in congregate settings not otherwise specified as long-term care facilities” as well as “education workers” as being eligible for vaccination. We are hopeful, but have not yet received official confirmation from the state, that these references would include colleges and universities. View Pennsylvania’s vaccination phases and who is eligible in each phase.

Individual access: In the interim, some individuals are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine under Pennsylvania’s current phase. If would like to know if you qualify, you may use the eligibility quiz on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website. If eligible, you may pursue your individual access to the vaccine via the distribution locations listed on the state’s website.

4. How long will it take Pennsylvania to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine across the various phases?

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health website, currently “The department does not have a time-table of how long it will take to distribute COVID-19 vaccines across the commonwealth since there is only a limited supply of vaccine available at this time.” Messiah University, through individual contacts and our affiliations with statewide educational associations, is closely monitoring the statewide distribution plan so that we may provide information and access as quickly as possible for our campus community.

5. Will Messiah require its students and/or employees to be vaccinated for COVID-19 when the vaccine is more widely available?

We greatly appreciate our students and employees who have already been vaccinated elsewhere, and it is our strong desire for our campus community as a whole to be vaccinated as it becomes available. The University is currently researching and developing protocols for who may be required to have the vaccine in order to live, study or work on campus. However, a decision has not yet been finalized.
6. **If I’m an out-of-state student, may I be vaccinated in Pennsylvania?**

   As of the publish date of these FAQs, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, you may be vaccinated outside of your home state. However, other states have been making changes to their related protocols, so it is important to follow/confirm this on the state’s department of health website.

7. **Is Messiah planning to serve as a community vaccination site for COVID-19?**

   Messiah University has formally communicated its interest to the state to serve as a community vaccination site. However, the University has not yet heard an update on the submission of its proposal.

8. **Will Messiah students and employees be able to be vaccinated on campus? Or will they need to secure the vaccine on their own?**

   Messiah has not yet been given any direction from the state regarding if/when the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine will be made available to students and employees at colleges and universities. This may also depend on whether Messiah will be selected to serve as a community vaccination site.

9. **Where can I learn more details about the COVID-19 vaccine?**

   You may learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine at the national level on the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov), or at the statewide level on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website.