



TCS Covid Vaccine Policy 22/23

Throughout the pandemic, The Community School (TCS) has been committed to doing our best to provide a low-risk learning environment for all members of our school community. As part of our evolving, science-based plan to reduce the spread of Covid and protect vulnerable community members, TCS will require the Covid-19 vaccine for all students and staff in the 22/23 academic year. This document outlines the details of our vaccine plan and will evolve to reflect the most current science and CDC guidance.

All TCS students of an eligible age are required to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination or apply for a medical exemption for the 22/23 academic year.

Students must be “fully vaccinated” by the first day of school: Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Fully vaccinated means that the 2nd dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or the single dose of the Johnson+Johnson vaccine, must be administered no later than Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

Children who are not yet eligible by the start of school will need to receive their first vaccine dose within 14 days of becoming eligible. Vaccine requirements will be continually updated to reflect changes in vaccine age range.

Boosters may be required by TCS if they become strongly recommended for children by public health experts and the American Academy of Pediatrics. While boosters are not a requirement at this time, TCS families should expect additional requirements around boosters for the 22/23 school year. Our booster policy will evolve with the CDC’s guidance and further requirements for boosters among students will be determined as the science becomes available.

Medical exemption: A student qualifies for a medical exemption if a doctor recommends they not receive a vaccine for a valid medical reason. Detailed documentation from a doctor is required to be submitted to the school office. Exemption applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the assistance of the school health and legal team. TCS reserves the right to deny any application due to insufficient evidence.

To initiate a vaccine exemption application please email School Director, Jasmine Smith at <info@thecommunityschool.me>. Those who have been exempted from the vaccine may be required to follow additional Covid safety protocols.