Kenyon College Cox Health & Counseling Center
Immunization Exemption

Kenyon College believes that the entire campus community is best positioned to remain healthy when all persons are immunized. Accordingly, students are required to provide proof of full immunization prior to the start of the academic term for the CDC recommended vaccines for children and adolescents. Additionally, for the Fall 2022/ Spring 2023 academic year, Kenyon College is requiring that students also receive both the influenza (which is provided at no costs on campus) and COVID-19 vaccines (coordinated through community partners). Medical and religious exemptions will be accommodated, but it is our expectation that our campus community will consist predominantly of fully-vaccinated individuals, which serves to greatly reduce the risk of infection. Immunization documentation or exemption requests should be submitted as soon as possible and must be received no later than Wednesday June 1, 2022 at 12:00pm.

Providing Proof of Immunization:

Instructions have been provided by the Cox Health & Counseling Center to incoming and returning students to submit immunization documentation directly into the student health portal of Kenyon College’s PyraMED, electronic health record.

Requesting an Exemption:

The College recognizes two possible exemptions to the immunization requirements: a medical exemption and a religious exemption. Information, including how to request an exemption, is included below. For additional information, please contact: Health Services at Health@kenyon.edu or (740) 427-5525.

Medical Immunization Exemptions:

A medical immunization exemption may be granted when a person has a medical condition(s) that prevents them from receiving a vaccine. Typically, medical exemptions are granted when:

- A disease or prescribed medication weakens the person’s immune system.
- The person has a severe allergy to the vaccine or a vaccine ingredient.
- The person has had a serious medical reaction which resulted in medical care due to this or other vaccines.

To obtain a medical immunization exemption, provide a letter from your medical provider (physician and/or advanced health clinician such as a nurse practitioner or physician assistant) that clearly states your name, date of birth and describes the medical reason you should not or are unable to receive the immunization.

Kenyon College may request additional information to assist in evaluating any exemption request.

Medical exemption requests may be directed to: Health Services at Health@kenyon.edu or (740) 427-5525.
Religious Immunization Exemptions:

A religious exemption may be granted to accommodate an individual’s sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observation.

To obtain an accommodation on the basis of a religious exemption, please provide either:

- a written and signed (by a parent or guardian if the student is under 18) statement from the student that includes all elements listed below:
  - an explanation of such religious belief, practice, or observation;
  - a description of the exemption being requested; and
  - a statement of how the requested exemption will resolve any conflict between the religious belief, practice, or observation and the College’s immunization requirement.

OR

- a letter from your clergy/religious leader that clearly states the student requesting the accommodation’s name, description of the student’s sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observation, and statement detailing why an immunization cannot, or should not, be obtained.

Kenyon may request additional information to assist in evaluating an exemption request.

Religious exemption requests may be directed to: Health Services at Health@kenyon.edu or (740) 427-5525.

Restrictions for Non-Immunized Individuals:

Per CDC guidance, students who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to complete an isolation period. While in isolation, the student’s campus activity and movement will be restricted. The Dean of Student Development will communicate this status with faculty; students can then work directly with faculty to generate a plan for meeting academic commitments during or after their quarantine or isolation period. Should a non-COVID outbreak occur, the non-immunized student will receive guidance from the Cox Health & Counseling Center.

- Outbreak of Disease:
  - During a campus outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease, non-immunized students may be required to leave campus if campus conditions are deemed unsafe by the College in consultation with the local public health authority.
  - Non-immunized students may return to classes and/or living arrangements when the county public health officer and/or Cox Health & Counseling Center leadership.
○ Non-immunized students are responsible for any loss of fees, loss of credit hours, and/or missed assignments associated with a campus outbreak related leave. Classes will not be transitioned to a hybrid teaching format if such an outbreak occurs.

● Housing:
  ○ Residential assignments may be altered in the event that it becomes necessary for the health of any resident. Such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
How to Submit Immunization Documentation

Log In
2. Log in using your Kenyon username and Kenyon email/network Password.
3. Verify your Duo authentication.
4. You should now see the “Home” screen.
Upload Your Document

1. **Document Upload**
   
   1.1. Click on “Document Upload.”

   1.2. Enter the following information.

   1.2.1. **Document Type:** Choose “Immunization Exemption.”
   
   1.2.2. **File:** Choose a file from your computer. If you have more than one, you will need to walk through these steps once for each file.

   1.3. Click “Save.”