

F-1 International Student Arrival & Vaccine Information

On behalf of the Stonehill College community, I am excited to welcome both our new and returning international students to campus this fall! We're all looking forward to coming back together and resuming in-person living and learning. As part of our return to campus, I have important information to share regarding move-in dates, COVID-19 vaccination requirements, travel guidelines from the US Department of State, and who to contact if you have questions in the coming weeks. Please review all of this information carefully.

VACCINE REQUIREMENT AT STONEHILL COLLEGE

The College is requiring that all employees, as well as all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in on-campus classes and/or conducting research in on-campus labs, whether they live on campus or off, be fully vaccinated (two weeks after their last dose) against COVID-19. Additional details and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be [viewed here](#).

STONEHILL ACCEPTED VACCINES

Stonehill College will accept the vaccines with emergency use authorization by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as listed in the section immediately below, or those authorized by the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#).

Although WHO approved vaccines are acceptable in order to meet the COVID vaccine requirement at Stonehill, it is important to verify the approved dosing intervals for each vaccine, if a second dose is needed to complete the series. Since there are some vaccines that require a longer interval between doses, and are not available in the United States, this might impact an individual's vaccine and/or travel plans.

If you have any concerns regarding your ability to receive the second dose of your vaccine prior to your arrival to the US, please contact Maria Sullivan, Director of Health Services, at msullivan7@stonehill.edu.

OBTAINING YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE IN THE US

Maria Sullivan, msullivan7@stonehill.edu, Director of Stonehill College's [Health Services](#), will work with individual students with a need or interest in receiving their COVID-19 vaccine in the US at a facility close to the college.

At present, there are three [authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines](#) available in the United States, they are:

- Pfizer-BioNTech
 - Two shots given 3 weeks apart with full vaccination reached 2 weeks after the *second* shot
- Moderna
 - Two shots given 4 weeks apart with full vaccination reached 2 weeks after the *second* shot
- Johnson & Johnson's Janssen
 - One shot with full vaccination reached 2 weeks after the shot

Additional details about US-available vaccines can be reviewed [here](#).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS BASED ON LOCATION AND VACCINE STATUS

Please review the information below to identify that category that will [best represent](#) your vaccination status upon arrival to Stonehill's campus. You are not required to quarantine on Stonehill's campus but if you choose to do so, the guidelines and recommendations suggested below may help finalize your choice of flight purchase and travel plans.

F-1 Students Arriving to Stonehill from IN the US

Category 1: In the US and Fully Vaccinated

All **vaccinated** F-1 students who currently reside in the US (or have been in the US for 7 days prior to their arrival to Stonehill's campus) will follow standard campus testing and onboarding procedures for fully-vaccinated individuals. More information will be distributed to the entire campus community via an institutional email announcement which will also be made available via [this website](#).

Category 2: In the US and Unvaccinated

All **unvaccinated** F-1 students who currently reside in the US (or have been in the US for 7 days prior to their arrival to Stonehill's campus) must wear a face mask at all times, practice social distancing, and follow all community testing, onboarding, and quarantine protocols. More information on testing and onboarding protocols will be distributed to the entire campus community via an institutional email announcement and made available via [this website](#).

Maria Sullivan Msullivan7@stonehill.edu, Director of Stonehill College's Health Services, will work with individual students with a need or interest in receiving their COVID-19 vaccine in the US at a facility close to the college.

F-1 Students Arriving to Stonehill from OUTSIDE the US

Category 3: Outside the US and Fully Vaccinated

All **vaccinated** F-1 students who: 1) received a WHO-recognized vaccine, and; 2) are fully vaccinated at the time of their arrival, should review the international travel requirements under the "Recommendations For Fully Vaccinated People" [listed here](#) on the US Center for Disease Control's (CDC) website for additional documentation and quarantine information.

- August 18th – recommended arrival date to the US in order to take your re-entry COVID-19 test (recommended between days 3-5 after you land) in order to receive the results in time to attend the first day of class on August 24th. Please visit the section on Move-In and Residence Life below for details on how to request authorization for this early move-in date.

Category 4: Outside the US and Unvaccinated

Unvaccinated F-1 students interested in: 1) receiving their COVID-19 vaccination in the US in time to be considered fully vaccinated for the start of classes on August 24th, and/or; 2) arriving to Stonehill/the US with sufficient time complete mandatory quarantine requirements in time for the start of classes, should consider arriving on the following dates:

August 8th – Recommended Arrival date to receive the Pfizer or Moderna Vaccine

- this move-in date will allow you to receive your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine on August 29th and, after two weeks, have probable immunity to COVID-19.

August 15th – recommended arrival date to receive Johnson & Johnson's Janssen and/or quarantine on campus

- This move-in date will allow you to receive your shot and have probable immunity to COVID-19 two weeks later on August 29th.

Maria Sullivan, msullivan7@stonehill.edu, Director of Stonehill College's Health Services, will work with individual students with a need or interest in receiving their COVID-19 vaccine in the US at a facility close to the college.

Review the international travel requirements under the "Recommendations For Unvaccinated People" [listed here](#) on the US Center for Disease Control's (CDC) website for documentation and quarantine information.

Special Considerations

Students who are unable to arrive by the dates recommended to complete quarantine, receive a vaccination in their country within the given timeline, or have concerns about their vaccination status should consult with Maria Sullivan, Director of Health Services, via email at msullivan7@stonehill.edu.

New F-1 students who are unable to enter the US due to F-1 visa processing delays or other challenges must remain in contact with John Pepin (jpepin1@stonehill.edu) in order to ensure that they are able to maintain their legal F-Student status at Stonehill College.

HOUSING MOVE-IN & OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

Move-In Dates

If you are fully vaccinated, you should not plan to arrive to Stonehill College until August 21st and do not need to communicate Residence Life in advance. Additional details about campus move-in will be emailed as we near the end of August.

If you are not fully vaccinated, or it makes more financial sense to arrive prior to August 21st, or if the information provided in the vaccination status category section above recommends an early arrival, you can make advanced arrangements with Residence Life to access your accommodations prior to August 21st.

You **must complete** the [early arrival request form](#) if you plan to arrive to campus prior to August 21st. Contact the Office of Residence life at reslife@stonehill.edu or (508)565-1290 with any questions or concerns. As a general rule, Residence Life should be notified of your arrival to campus a minimum of 7 days in advance.

Please note that dining facilities on campus will not be operational until August 20th so you will need to plan accordingly for grocery or meal delivery.

LATE ARRIVALS TO CAMPUS

The latest date a student may arrive to campus is **Thursday, September 2nd**. Students who plan to arrive to campus late must notify John Pepin (jpepin1@stonehill.edu) and will receive a separate communication regarding class attendance. In the case of a severe delay, there is a possibility that you will need to defer your enrollment to Spring 2022.

US DEPARTMENT OF STATE – COVID-19 TRAVEL INFORMATION

The US State Department contains information on travel and entry requirements for individuals who plan to:

- 1) enter to the US via a link located on your local US Embassy's page with US testing requirements and local labs/testing centers that provide acceptable documentation of proof of a negative COVID-19 result, and;
- 2) exit the US for travel
 - Example: US State Department page on [travel to China](#) and the link to the [US Embassy to China's COVID-19 travel information](#) page

We look forward to welcoming you to campus for the Fall 2021 semester and please do not hesitate to contact any of the individuals listed within this communication for and help or questions that you may need answered.