

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions for International Students

Can I travel to the U.S.?

International students in active F-1 visa status since March 9, 2020 can travel to the United States and can continue to study 100% online if necessary. F-1 students starting a new program F-1 students with a new or initial program will not be able to study 100% online for the 2021-22 academic year. A new student may be issued a visa to study inside the United States if their program of study is a hybrid program with some in-person learning requirement. The English Language Institute plans to be in-person for classes this fall.

More information can be found [here](#).

Can I get a vaccine in San Diego?

San Diego County has vaccines available for appointment. You only need to be over 16 years old and live in San Diego. Go [here](#) to check for appointments and what you need to bring.

What can I expect at MiraCosta English Language Institute for Fall 2021?

Classes will meet in-person.

What is the requirement upon traveling to the United States (US)?

If you plan to travel internationally, you will need to get tested no more than 3 days before you travel by air into the US and show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight, or be prepared to show documentation of recovery (proof of a recent positive viral test and a letter from your healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel).

See the guidance [HERE](#).

Do I have to quarantine upon arrival?

All persons arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries, should self-quarantine for 10 days after arrival.

See the guidance [HERE](#).

Is there anyone who will not be allowed entrance into the US?

There are travel restrictions in place for several regions including India, China, Iran, Brazil, and South Africa, ***however international students qualify for a National Interest Exception if their academic program begins August 1, 2021 or later.***

Students with valid F-1 and M-1 visas intending to begin or continue an academic program commencing August 1, 2021 or later do not need to contact an embassy or consulate to seek an individual National Interest Exception to travel.

They may enter the United States no earlier than 30 days before the start of their academic studies.

See the guidance [HERE](#).

Can students from India come to the US?

Yes, see above.

How will I be screened before coming to campus?

The *MiraCosta Safe* mobile app's daily *At Home Wellness Form* is the preferred screening method prior to coming to campus. The app can be downloaded from both the [Apple](#) and [Google](#) stores.

Do I have to wear a mask on campus?

Face coverings will be required on campus unless you are outdoors more than 6 feet from other individuals.

If I am unvaccinated, can I travel to the US?

Yes, vaccination is not currently required to enter the US.

Is MiraCosta College requiring vaccines?

To ensure the safety of our college community, effective August 23, all students and employees intending to be on District premises (enrolled in on-site classes or who have face-to-face appointments 15 minutes or more) must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to be physically present on District premises.

Who will be allowed on campus?

Effective August 23, all students and employees intending to be on District premises (enrolled in on-site classes or who have face-to-face appointments 15 minutes or more) must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to be physically present on District premises.

What is the list of Emergency Use Authorized (EUA) vaccines in the US?

The current list of EUA vaccines in the US are:

1. **Pfizer** Tozinameran – COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (nucleoside modified) - COMIRNATY®
2. **Moderna** Biotech mRNA Vaccine (nucleoside modified)
3. **Janssen** – Cilag International NV (Belgium) COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COV2-S [recombinant])

See the guidance [HERE](#).

Will you accept the vaccine I received in my country?

People who completed a COVID-19 vaccination series with a vaccine that has been authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO) do not need any additional doses with an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

People who completed a COVID-19 vaccine series with a vaccine that is not authorized by FDA or not authorized for emergency use by WHO may be offered an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine series upon arrival to the US. The minimum interval between the last dose of a non-FDA authorized vaccine and an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine is 28 days.

See the guidance [HERE](#).

What vaccines are included on the WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL)?

1. **Pfizer** Tozinameran – COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (nucleoside modified) – COMIRNATY®
2. **AstraZeneca/SKBio** – COVID-19 Vaccine (ChAdOx1-S ([recombinant])
3. **Serum Institute of India Pvt Ltd** – COVID-19 Vaccine (ChAdOx1-S [recombinant]) – COVISHIELD™

4. **Janssen** – Cilag International NV (Belgium) COVID-19 Vaccine (Ad26.COVS-2 [recombinant])
5. **AstraZeneca** AB (ChAdOx1-S) [recombinant])
6. **Moderna** Biotech mRNA Vaccine (nucleoside modified)
7. **Beijing Institute of Biological Products Co., Ltd. (BIBP)** – Inactivated COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell)

See guidance [HERE](#).

How do I get a COVID vaccine in San Diego?

Visit the County of San Diego [vaccine information page](#) to check for vaccine locations.

How much will it cost to be vaccinated in the US?

All COVID vaccines are provided free of charge to everyone regardless of insurance status.

How soon can I get vaccinated once I arrive in the US?

As soon as you receive your negative COVID test result after arriving in the US, you may visit one of the [county's vaccination sites](#).

Am I required to get vaccinated?

No, you are not required to get vaccinated, however MiraCosta College is mandating vaccines for those wishing to be on campus for the Fall 2021 semester, both employees and students.

What are the San Diego County regulations about COVID? How is that different from California regulations or CDC?

The County of San Diego is the governing body for the local region that includes MiraCosta College. The [County website](#) is where the latest information regarding local guidelines for COVID can be found. The county often refers to guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), however if ever they differ, the guidance from the county of San Diego will be followed by the district.