



Student Health Services

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Dear Campus Community,

As many of you know, an updated COVID-19 vaccine is now available. For your convenience, we are pleased to announce, through a partnership with Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, that a Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be offered on campus. Vaccination is voluntary.

Clinic Date: Monday, November 6, 2023, 12 noon - 2 pm., Education Building, 212

Registration and Appointments are Required. To register, please follow the link below:

Please use this [link](#) to register and select your vaccination appointment time.

Vaccination Code: TCNJ2023Moderna

Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Cost. Your insurance will be billed for your vaccination. You will need your insurance information and driver's license to register for your vaccination.

Eligibility. Vaccination is open to all TCNJ students, staff, faculty, emeriti, and Sodexo employees. You may receive the Moderna vaccine regardless of which COVID-19 vaccine you received in your primary series or subsequent booster doses. You may receive this vaccine if you have never had any previous COVID-19 vaccines and will need only one dose unless you are moderately to severely immunocompromised.

Day of your COVID-19 vaccination.

- You Do Not need your white CDC COVID-19 vaccination card.
- Please wear clothing that facilitates easy access to the top portion of your arm.
- Please be sure to register for [Docket](#) to have easy access to your COVID-19 immunization record.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What does an updated COVID-19 vaccine mean?

This is similar to annual flu vaccinations that are updated yearly based on circulating influenza virus strains. The COVID-19 vaccine has been updated to contain one component based on a variant called XBB.1.5.

Data show that staying “Up to Date” with your COVID-19 vaccine builds a new immune response to variants that are currently circulating. It is anticipated that updated COVID-19 vaccines will be available yearly, similar to annual flu vaccines.

How many doses of this vaccine do I need?

One dose is all you will need to be up to date.

I recently had COVID-19. Should I get this vaccine?

According to the CDC, you can wait 3 months from when your symptoms began before you might need an updated COVID-19 vaccination. The variants that have been circulating in the U.S. this spring and summer are closely related to the XBB.1.5 variant in the vaccine; if you have recently had a COVID-19 infection, that infection should provide you with strong protection from severe disease and reinfection.

I cannot attend the on-campus COVID vaccination clinic. What should I do?

COVID-19 vaccinations are readily available throughout the community at pharmacies, urgent care centers, and primary healthcare providers. To locate a vaccine, please check [here](#).

Are there any new side effects I need to be concerned about?

No, the possible side effects reported for the updated COVID vaccine are the same as with the previous COVID-19 vaccines.

Can I get the Flu vaccine and COVID vaccine at the same time?

Yes, you can simultaneously be given a Flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine. There are no spacing requirements between the vaccines. TCNJ will not be offering both vaccines at this clinic. We will only be offering Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 at this vaccination clinic.

For more information, please visit the [CDC Updated COVID-19 Vaccination webpage](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Student Health Services by email at health@tcnj.edu.

Thank you for all you do to keep yourself and our campus community healthy!

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