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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