

## Vaccine Declination Statement – Declination of COVID-19 Booster

The University of California strongly recommends that all members of the University community, except those who have had a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or to any of its components, receive a vaccination to protect against COVID-19 disease as soon as they are eligible and get boosters as needed to stay Up-To-Date.

I am aware of the following facts:

- COVID-19 is a serious disease and has killed over 1 million people in the United States since February 2020, 100,000 in California alone.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for me and other members of the University community to protect our students, patients, faculty, and staff, and our families and communities, from COVID-19, its complications, and death.
- If I contract COVID-19, I can shed the virus for days even before any symptoms appear. During the time I shed the virus, I can transmit it to anyone I contact.
- If I become infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, even if my symptoms are mild or non-existent, I can spread the disease to others, and they can become seriously ill or die as a result.
- Nearly 1 in 5 American adults who have had COVID-19 is estimated to be suffering from “Long COVID” – symptoms that can last months or years after COVID-19 and can be debilitating.
- Contracting COVID-19 could have life-threatening consequences for my health and the health of everyone with whom I have contact, including my coworkers or peers and the most vulnerable members of our community.
- Non-exempt employees and hourly academic appointees may take up to four hours of paid time to obtain each dose of COVID-19 vaccine required to stay Up-To-Date as explained in the UC Policy on Vaccination Programs.

Despite these facts, I am voluntarily choosing to decline the most recent COVID-19 booster. My reason(s) for declining are as follows (*answering this question is optional*):

- medical contraindication
- disability
- religious objection
- concerned about risks of vaccine more than risks of disease
- want to delay but intend to get boosted
- other
- prefer not to say

I understand that I can change my mind at any time and accept the COVID-19 booster. I understand that as long as I am not Up-To-Date on COVID-19 boosters, I may be required to take precautionary measures as determined by my location, such as wearing a mask and increased testing.

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I have read the [CDC Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) and information on this declination form, and I have had a chance to ask questions.

NOTE: Health care workers subject to the California Department of Public Health's Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement may not decline their first booster using this form.