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Vaccine Guidance for Students

Vaccines are a vital part of ending the Covid-19 pandemic.

The UK Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) is currently recommending all those over the age of 18 get vaccinated. We support this recommendation as the best way of protecting ourselves, each other and our wider community from Covid-19. We will continue to support the NHS and JCVI as they continue to roll out the vaccination programme across the country and Salford.

Through vaccination, we can prevent those most at risk from getting the virus, meaning a reduction in hospitalisations and fewer deaths. Vaccinations have also been shown to reduce transmissions and help protect against new variants. Whilst it is still possible to get Covid, despite being vaccinated, early studies show that symptoms are usually less severe.

The more of us that get the vaccine, the better protected the population will be and any further outbreaks will not have the devastating impacts to people's lives and livelihoods that we have seen across 2020 and 2021.

We are not insisting that students (or university staff) be vaccinated to take part in university life on our campus as vaccination remains a choice for all adults but are strongly recommending that all students and university staff get vaccinated unless they cannot due to medical reasons. Please note that we continue to follow the Government's changing guidance on where it may be necessary to show proof of vaccination – if this impacts on campus life then we'll let you know as soon as possible.

You can book your vaccine [here](#) or look out for pop-up clinics in your local area.

For those that cannot or choose not to get vaccinated, we would urge you to get tested on a regular basis. This can be done both on [campus](#) at multiple locations for free and via free home testing kits which are readily available. Please see this [link](#) for more information.

Placement providers may require you to be vaccinated prior to coming on to their site(s). It is every students' responsibility to ensure that you adhere to the requirements of any aspect of your course that involves either a placement partner or other third party. Please also be aware that their guidance may change so it's important that you check regularly to keep up to date.

On campus, measures such as social distancing and the wearing of face coverings indoors whilst moving around our buildings and in some specialist spaces will remain in place for everyone, including those that have been double vaccinated. Please be mindful of this when on campus.

Away from campus, if you choose not to get or cannot have the vaccine, then you may have to adhere to a different set of rules and restrictions to those that have been vaccinated. This may include restrictions on travel, quarantine procedures or attendance at events. Individual business and organisation will make clear their requirements which may or may not align to wider government guidance that is in place.

The vaccines that are available will not resolve all problems related to Covid-19 but they will enable us to progress to a normal way of living.