

I am pleased to announce that after vetting these two proposals below through **CATHealth and CATMIL (Military Affairs)** and system level leadership, we have been given the go ahead to implement this guidance. The two guidance statements will go in effect for the 2026-2027 academic year, which should provide you with ample time to communicate with your students who are in active duty or non-active-duty status and distant learners at your institution.

The new guidance will be changed in the Academic and Student Affairs Handbook and on the Enrollment Management and Student Affairs website in the immunization section.

All currently enrolled students are grand fathered into both requirements. The on-line immunization policy is only for fully online students.

Previous Military Immunization

Proposed Revision:

To maintain the original goal of protecting the campus community from non-immunized individuals, we recommend that the **DD-214 and Military ID** no longer be considered sufficient evidence of being current on one's immunizations; rather, that every student have the same requirement for submitting evidence of their immunization records, using the standardized USG form: [coi-form.pdf](#).

New Guidance:

Each student will submit proof of immunization as per current USG policy, using the standardized form: [coi-form.pdf](#). **The DD-214 or Military ID** for current or previous military personnel will no longer be sufficient proof of vaccination status.

On-Line Immunization

Proposed Revision:

To maintain the original goal of protecting the campus community from non-immunized individuals who may be taking only on-line courses but still utilizing campus facilities, the following adjustment of the exemption is recommended:

"I declare that I will be enrolling in ONLY courses offered by distance learning. I understand that if I ~~register for a course that is offered on campus or at a campus-managed facility~~ choose to (1) utilize on campus facilities, including (but not exclusive of) dining halls, on-campus housing, libraries, recreational facilities and educational buildings and/or (2) change my program so that I take any in-person classes, this exemption becomes void and I will be excluded from class until I provide proof of immunization."

New Guidance:

"I declare that I will be enrolling ONLY in programs offered by distance learning via online courses. I understand that if I choose to (1) utilize on campus facilities, including (but not exclusive of) dining halls, on-campus housing, libraries, recreational facilities and educational

buildings and/or (2) change my program so that I take any in-person classes, this exemption becomes void and I will be excluded from class until I provide proof of immunization.”