

Dear Student,

As has been the case since the pandemic's start, Southwest Minnesota State University's top priority is the health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff, as well as ensuring students can successfully achieve their educational goals. To that end, students who are living in residence halls and those involved in Forensics, E-Sports, and Cheerleading activities are required per the Minnesota State College and University system to provide proof of being fully vaccinated or get tested weekly for COVID-19. We strongly encourage you to get [vaccinated against COVID-19](#).

There is a new tool in e-services that will allow you to provide proof of vaccination or weekly testing process and results. The instructions for using this tool are attached to this message.

The tool is accessed by using your StarID and password. If you indicate you have not been vaccinated, you will be asked to complete the Testing Consent Form.

[E-Services Link](#)

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination can be:

- Your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card; or
- An alternative official vaccination record if vaccinated in another country; or
- Other records that legibly show your name, date of birth, vaccine manufacturer, date of vaccine.

Copies and electronic copies are acceptable. Please do not provide records that include vaccines other than the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you have lost your vaccination card or don't have a copy, contact your vaccination provider directly to access your vaccination record. If you cannot contact your vaccination provider directly, contact your state health department's immunization information system (IIS). You can find state [IIS information on the CDC website](#). Vaccination providers are required to report COVID-19 vaccinations to their state's IIS and related systems. Minnesota residents can [access their immunization records using the Docket app](#).

Weekly Testing Process

Testing for Covid-19 plays a key role in our efforts to contain and mitigate the Covid-19 pandemic by identifying infected individuals to help prevent further person-to-person transmission. Testing is not only to benefit you but to help contain transmission from you to those around you, your family, friends, and fellow students. Therefore, we are providing weekly testing for all those that are not yet vaccinated for COVID-19.

If you are not vaccinated you will also go to the COVID-19 Attestation link in e-services, please follow the directions on the attached document. When you have finished the consent to testing in e-services, do not go any further in the e-services system for testing, do not click on

“ADD TEST”. SMSU will not be using the e-services portal for weekly testing verification. We will send another email with testing information.

If you are not vaccinated and had been infected with the Covid-19 virus in the past 90 days, you will not need to test until 90 days from the date of infection. Please send an email to COVID19@smsu.edu to indicate this and instructions on what to do will be sent to you.

What if I receive a positive COVID-19 test result?

If during the on campus testing, your test result is positive, an SMSU representative will notify you and provide you with further instructions.

Please send any questions regarding this process to Covid19@smsu.edu.

Sincerely,

Kumara Jayasuriya
President

Attachment:

- Student Attestation

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