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RE: Issuance of the Policy on Vaccination Programs and Five Interim Program Attachments

Dear Colleagues:

Attached are the final Policy on Vaccination Programs and five newly-issued Interim Program Attachments.

I. Final Policy on Vaccination Programs

The Policy on Vaccination Programs was updated with interim amendments effective August 16, 2023, as instruction resumed and prior to the influenza season. The interim revisions moved the University’s COVID-19 vaccination program to a systemwide opt-out program for all covered individuals while the University’s seasonal influenza vaccination program remained an opt-out program.

Systemwide Human Resources and Academic Personnel and Programs initiated a Systemwide Review and consultation process from September 15, 2023, to December 15, 2023, to finalize this Presidential Policy. This included consultation with the University community (faculty, staff, and students) and key stakeholders. The issued policy will finalize the interim revisions and include additional revisions.

Key revisions from systemwide consultation include:

- Changed influenza compliance deadline from December 1 to November 1, annually.
- Updated model COVID-19 vaccine declination statement.

II. Interim Program Attachments

The Interim Program Attachments include the following mandatory Vaccination and Screening Programs for University of California students: 1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccination Program; (2) Meningococcal (Groups A, C, Y, W) Conjugate Vaccination Program; (3) Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Vaccination Program; (4)

Varicella Vaccination Program; and (5) Tuberculosis Screening Program. These Interim Program Attachments are intended to implement the existing vaccination and screening requirements described in the University's Student Immunization Policy (first issued in 2016). They have an immediate effective date, but the 2016 Policy will remain in place until December 31, 2024; the Interim Program Attachments will supersede the 2016 Policy on January 1, 2025. A systemwide review of the Interim Program Attachments will begin in July 2024 with an expected issuance date for the final Program Attachments in early 2025.

The Interim Program Attachments include the following changes to the existing 2016 Student Immunization Policy:

- Students will be required to be Up-To-Date on their MMR, MenACWY, Tdap, and VZV vaccinations, provide proof of immunity for those diseases, or obtain a University-approved exception, as a condition of Physical Presence at a University Location or in a University Program.
- Students may request exceptions to any of these vaccination requirements premised on medical contraindications, religious objections, or disability. There are no exceptions permitted for students' mandatory completion of a tuberculosis screening questionnaire to evaluate their risk of latent tuberculosis.
- In the event that applicable law or public health orders impose stricter vaccination requirements, students would be required to comply with those stricter requirements.
- Students who are not Up-To-Date with the relevant vaccination requirements (which includes those who have been granted exceptions) or who have not satisfied the tuberculosis screening requirement may be subject to Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (e.g., masks and testing) above and beyond those who have demonstrated compliance and may be excluded from the Location or site of an outbreak.
- Additionally, students who are not compliant with the vaccination programs and/or screening program must participate in any Vaccine Education required by their Location Vaccine Authority (LVA). Additional Vaccine Education may be required by the LVA in the event of an outbreak or consistent with applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or accreditation standards.

These policies are effective as of the date of this letter and will be posted online at <http://policy.ucop.edu/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael V. Drake" followed by a stylized flourish.

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