



OREGON SCHOOL *of* MASSAGE

OSM Fall Admissions Policy Regarding COVID-19

Effective immediately, Oregon School of Massage will be implementing a new policy requiring **all staff, faculty, and students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before returning for in-person Fall classes**. This policy includes religious and medical exemptions, and provides a process for obtaining either. This policy is to ensure the safety of all OSM community members, members of the public, and visitors to our campus space. OSM will continue to practice a 3-foot social distancing standard, mask wearing, and other protective measures until the COVID-19 pandemic has abated.

I. COVID Vaccination Requirement

With the adoption of this policy, all OSM staff, faculty, and students will be **required to affirm their vaccination against COVID-19 by August 6, 2021**. To indicate you've been fully vaccinated, please fill out the [Fall COVID Checklist](#).

To find a vaccination location near you, check out [the CDC's Vaccine Finder site](#).

To get signed up for leftover vaccines, visit [the Dr. B website](#).

II. Exemptions

To accommodate students of all faiths and backgrounds, OSM will allow exemptions to the COVID-19 vaccination requirement if the appropriate documentation is filled out and submitted, and students abide by all COVID-19 safety requirements. To indicate your interest in applying for an exemption, fill out the [Fall COVID Checklist](#).

A Medical Exemption requires students to

- a.) Fill out a form stating the exemption need, and
- b.) Submit an accompanying physician's note by August 6.

A Religious Exemption requires students to

- a.) Fill out a form stating personal refusal of the COVID-19 vaccine, and
- b.) Watch the OHA-approved [Vaccine Education Course](#) by August 6.

III. Continuation of COVID-19 Safety Policies

With the adoption of this policy, OSM will continue to observe COVID-19 precautions until the pandemic has abated. This will include, but may not be limited to:

- Requiring all faculty, staff, and students to wear face coverings while visiting OSM spaces, including non-class times
- Requiring all students to sanitize their spaces accordingly after classes,
- Limiting numbers of people in classrooms (see below for recommended caps)
- Frequent, regular hand washing, temperature and symptom checks, etc.

Refusal to abide by these standards will result in removal from campus property.

IV. Other New Policies for Fall

In addition to new policies regarding vaccination, OSM will also be implementing the following rules for the **Portland Campus**:

- Samples will once again be offered in the Bookstore. Appropriate sanitizing and waste disposal will be enforced.
- All students who wish to drink tea must bring their own mugs. Used mugs may be washed in a designated sink(s), but may not be left in the school overnight. Leftover and unclaimed mugs will be disposed of.

OSM will also adopt new room headcounts that will reflect a 3-6 feet social distancing standard and be posted in clearly marked areas outside of the respective rooms.

- New Portland Campus Headcounts
 - Room A: 30
 - Room B: 58
 - Clinic (Room D): 52
- New Salem Campus Headcounts
 - Room A: 46
 - Room B: 56
 - Clinic: 52