



**NEW ENGLAND
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**
CAMPUS COVID-19 UPDATE

Date: December 21, 2021
To: Faculty and Staff
From: Scott Freund, Executive Vice President
Re: Covid-19 Vaccine Boosters

Due to the current increase in COVID-19 infections and spread of the Omicron variant, NEIT strongly recommends that all faculty and staff be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and receive a booster vaccine.

Note: The following NEIT employees are required to be fully vaccinated:

- a) faculty and staff who visit clinical sites; and
- b) employees in the Shipbuilding/Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI) program who are considered covered employees under the Federal Contractor Vaccine Mandate.

Employees with the mandatory vaccination requirement may request an exception from the vaccination requirement if the vaccine is medically contraindicated for them or medical necessity requires a delay in vaccination.

CDC guidance is that all people age 16 and older need a booster dose to be protected against the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19.

People age 18 and older are eligible for a booster dose 6 months after completion of an mRNA primary series (e.g., Moderna and Pfizer) or 2 months after a single-dose vaccine (i.e., Johnson & Johnson).

- Adults may get any FDA-authorized vaccine for their booster dose regardless of the primary series vaccine.

- CDC recommends people who got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine get an mRNA vaccine booster dose.
- People currently infected with COVID-19 are eligible to get boosters once they've recovered from acute illness and they've met the criteria to end isolation.

If you haven't done so already, please submit your proof of booster vaccination to the NEIT Contact Tracing Team. Simply take a photo of your vaccination document and upload it to the NEIT secure portal, [Upload Vaccination Documentation](#).

We all have a role in helping to keep the NEIT community safe, and we thank you for your continued efforts in this regard.

If you aren't fully vaccinated, I strongly urge you to discuss this with your personal physician or health care provider.