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### Covid Vaccination Policy for Students

1. In view of the continuing pandemic, it is necessary to frame guidelines and rules for the protection of the health of the staff and students, and to play a responsible role preventing the further spread of Covid. This policy also supports and complies with the steps taken by the Government of Meghalaya, Deputy Commissioner of East Khasi Hills District and the judgment of the Meghalaya High Court.
2. The University Grants Commission has issued advisories to all higher education institutions relating to Covid-19 appropriate behavior including promotion of awareness for vaccination among faculty, staff and students vide UGC letters dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

#### Scope of the policy

1. All students to be vaccinated
  - a. It is expected that all students will be vaccinated for their individual protection and also for the protection of classmates and other students mingling in the offices, classrooms and other common spaces in the campus.
  - b. Complete vaccination must be taken at the earliest opportunity, keeping in mind that maximal protection occurs only several weeks after the second dose.
2. Exemption from vaccination
  - a. A student may be exempted from vaccination on medical grounds, based on the WHO/ICMR provisions, provided he/she produces a medical certificate issued by a doctor.
  - b. A student exempted on medical grounds will have to produce a negative Covid RT-PCR test every 10 days if they are studying on campus.
  - c. For those exempted on medical grounds, the University may provide online learning
  - a. If an exemption is sought on non-medical grounds, the student will:
    - i. Submit an application addressed to the Registrar that includes a statement of reason for seeking exemption
    - ii. Undertake to provide a negative RT-PCR report every 10 days if the application for exemption is accepted
    - iii. Provide a certificate of completion of a university-approved course on Covid

The Registrar may constitute a committee for considering applications for non-medical exemptions and related matters.

3. Documentation of vaccination
  - a. All students should provide a copy of their vaccination certificate to the Dean of Students.
  - b. The University will maintain updated consolidated record of vaccinations, which shall be posted in the University website.
  - c. Such documentation may be shared/reported to government/headman as statutorily required or to provide community reassurance.

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Registrar