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Subject: UVM - COVID Booster required for Spring study abroad

To students studying abroad Spring 2022 (cc: emergency contacts),

UVM is requiring that you receive a COVID booster shot for your Spring semester study abroad experience. The instructions for uploading proof of your booster follow on the next page; the deadline to complete this requirement is based on your departure date and has been communicated to you via email. Please locate the email titled “UVM – COVID Booster required for Spring study abroad” from studyabroad@uvm.edu to confirm.

If you have not yet received a booster shot, and you have not yet departed Burlington and live outside of Vermont, you may find it easier to schedule an appointment here in Vermont:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

Previously we strongly encouraged you in GoAbroad to get a booster shot. We now are requiring that you do so for the following reasons:

- Based on available [information](#), vaccinated individuals with a booster are more protected from COVID-19 than those who do not have a booster, and early data suggests this may be especially true with the Omicron variant which appears to spread substantially more easily;
- A booster will reduce the likelihood of you contracting COVID-19, which in turn will reduce the likelihood of you needing to access and manage a foreign medical system or of spreading COVID within your host community;
- A booster will reduce the likelihood of you encountering restrictions in entering your destination country (as border entry requirements continue to shift) and/or in your daily life once abroad;
- A booster will reduce the likelihood of you testing positive in the days leading up to your return to the U.S., which would prevent your timely return;
- It may not be possible for you to get a booster in your destination country.

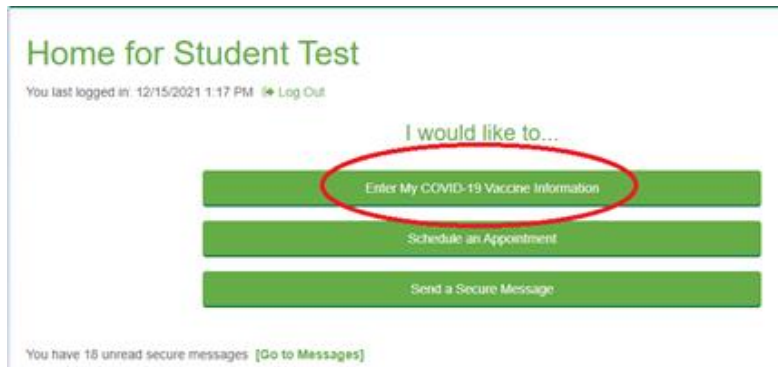
We hope that exams have gone/are going well. Please let us know if you have any questions as you complete your final preparations for study abroad. Booster card upload instructions follow on the next page.

Sincerely,
Kim Howard
Director
Office of International Education

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPLOADING PROOF OF YOUR COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINE

Login to the student health portal here: <https://mywellbeing.uvm.edu>

From the portal home page, click the big green “Enter My COVID-19 Vaccine Information” button:



Click the Upload Button (dates aren't needed for the booster).

Select the picture of your updated COVID-19 booster and click “Looks Good”.