

SRMUN Atlanta 2021 COVID FAQs

What is the requirement?

This year SRMUN will be requiring proof of full vaccination or proof of a negative test (administered within 72 hours of arriving at the hotel) from all participants (delegates, head delegates, faculty advisors, observers, staff). Participants not providing proof of vaccination or a negative test will be asked to leave the conference.

What does SRMUN consider to be fully vaccinated?

In order to be considered fully vaccinated, your uploaded vaccination card must show one of the following:

- 1) Two doses of the Pfizer/Biotech or Moderna vaccines; OR
- 2) One dose of the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

If participants have only one dose of either Pfizer or Moderna, we will also require a negative test during check in.

How will we provide proof of vaccination?

In order to relieve the burden during check in, we will be collecting proof of vaccination electronically prior to the conference. Before the conference, each school will receive a Delegate Information Form in which we will ask you to provide names of all of your delegates and their vaccination status. We will also provide a link to an <u>online submission portal</u>, where delegates and faculty advisors can upload their proof of vaccination. We will compare those submissions against the records provided in the delegate information forms. Any delegates who are listed in the forms as unvaccinated or who do not upload a proof of vaccination, will be asked to either provide proof of vaccination or proof of a negative test during conference check in.

What if I have difficulty with the online submission portal?

The online submission portal is built through Google Forms and for information security, requires a gmail account to upload files. We recognize that this may be inconvenient for any delegates without a gmail account, however, we found this to be the most convenient and user friendly option.

If you do not have a gmail account or have any difficulty uploading, you can email your proof of vaccination (along with your name and university) to <u>sg_atlanta@srmun.org</u>.

Example Email:

Hello,

My name is [First Name Last Name] from [University]. I am emailing to provide my proof of vaccination.

Please respond to this email to confirm receipt.

Best, [Name]

What if an uploaded proof of vaccination is suspected to be fraudulent?

Any submitted vaccination cards that appear to be fraudulent (containing obvious misspellings, incorrect formatting, etc.) will not be accepted and participants will be notified that they need to provide further proof or a negative covid test upon arrival at conference.

Will SRMUN be requiring boosters?

Since many of our participants are considered to be in lower-risk groups, and therefore are unlikely to be prioritized in the initial rollout of booster shots, we will not be requiring boosters to be considered "fully vaccinated." If boosters are recommended, we will certainly encourage anyone who can get a booster to do so, but we understand that everyone may not have the ability prior to the conference.

Will delegates need further proof of vaccination at conference if they have submitted online?

While we will not require participants to provide proof of vaccination again at the conference, we do encourage all participants to bring a proof of vaccination (such as a picture) with them to the conference in case there are businesses around the hotel that require proof of vaccination to enter.

Will we be expected to wear masks?

SRMUN will be adhering to the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel's mask requirements, which require mask wearing in all public areas of the hotel, including the committee rooms. Masks will also be treated as part of the SRMUN dress code, with SRMUN Executive Staff and Board Members empowered to enforce usage.

What if a participant begins experiencing COVID symptoms before or during the conference?

It will be the participant's responsibility, regardless of vaccination status, to seek out a COVID-19 test if they feel cold or Flu-like symptoms in the two weeks before or at any time during the conference.

Will SRMUN be taking any additional precautions?

In addition to requiring vaccinations or negative tests and mask usage, SRMUN will be taking several other stops to mitigate spread of COVID 19. We will be forgoing the traditional Opening Ceremony, in favor of smaller ceremonies in each committee room. We will also be making every effort to provide adequate room for social distancing in committee rooms and will be providing hand sanitizer and masks for use by participants.