

Dear Students

As you are all well aware, UWC has had to make tough calls regarding vaccination and access to their facilities in this new year.

The Faculty of Dentistry applied for a hard mandate as regards the university's vaccine [policy](#). Simply put, this means that all staff and students that access the buildings owned by UWC (including Mitchell's Plain and Tygerberg sites) are obligated to produce proof that they have been vaccinated.

This vetting process of determining vaccine status will be managed by line managers in the different departments and/or units. The easiest way to do this is to produce your **EVDS certificates**. Print these and keep a record in your department for audit purposes. We will allow you until **14 February 2022** to produce evidence of vaccination. Those who object will have to write a motivation and submit themselves for an interview to the [Vaccine Exemption Committee](#) in the faculty.

Should your application for exemption be rejected we will offer you another two weeks to produce proof of vaccination, failing which, you will then not be allowed to have access to the UWC Faculty of Dentistry.

This process will apply to ALL staff who work or are based at the faculty. Contractors or outside visitors (those not attending for clinical treatment or those not classified as patients) will be subject to the same vetting process described above.

I trust the above is in order.

Kindest regards
Prof V Yengopal
Dean