

I N F O R M A T I O N

regarding vaccination recommendations for students of the degree programs in Health Sciences

Legal basis:

- **vaccination recommendations of the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection for healthcare staff in Austria:**

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Themen/Gesundheit/Impfen/Impfempfehlungen-Allgemein/Empfehlung-f%C3%BCr-Gesundheitspersonal.html>

Background:

Vaccinations in Austria are generally voluntary. However, employers are entitled to inquire about the vaccination status of employees working in certain areas. This applies in particular to activities in the healthcare sector. The consequence of missing vaccinations or not disclosing the vaccination status can mean non-admission to the respective service or transfer to another ward.

Compulsory practical learning phases:

As part of the degree program at FH Campus Wien, compulsory practical learning phases are included in the curriculum, which are a prerequisite for a positive completion of the degree program. In this context, it should be noted that practical placements can check the vaccination status of students before the start of the practical learning phase, especially if students are assigned to very sensitive wards (e.g. neonatology, obstetrics, oncology).

Possible consequences:

FH Campus Wien therefore expressly points out that students can be rejected from practical placements if their vaccination status is not known or vaccinations are missing, meaning that there is an increased risk for patients.

FH Campus Wien cannot guarantee the provision of practical placements if vaccinations are missing or if the vaccination status is unknown.

If it is not possible to complete compulsory practical training phases for these reasons, the degree program at FH Campus Wien cannot be completed. Liability on the part of FH Campus Wien is excluded.