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RCIIS Vaccination Policy

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the priority of RCIIS has been the health and safety of our staff, students, and teachers. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves across the province, it is important that we continue to adapt based on these specific circumstances and the needs and safety of our students.

On Sept. 1st, 2021, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (in accordance with the Chief Medical Officer of Health) released their framework for implementing mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policies to all post-secondary institutions in Ontario. This Framework is aimed at supporting institutions in their respective planning and decisions for all on-campus and in-person activities, including academic delivery.

RCIIS now requires all staff, teachers, and students who attend in-person studies to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19.

Staff, teachers, and students will be required to upload proof of full vaccination to their respective portals, or they will be unable to enter the school.

Student Portal: rciis.ca/students

Staff / Teacher Portal: app.rciis.ca

Effective Oct. 12th, 2021, “fully vaccinated” means:

- (i) Having the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines
- (ii) one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada
- (iii) three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada

Students must have received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated

For people who were vaccinated in Ontario, they were provided the physical (hard copy) and email version of the receipt from the Ministry of Health with the name, date of vaccination and product name at the time of vaccination. COVID-19 vaccination receipts can also be downloaded or printed through the [COVID-19 vaccination provincial portal](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900. This version of the COVID-19 vaccine receipt contains a watermark and a digital signature to deter forgery.

Individuals without proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 can provide written proof* of a medical reason, provided by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class that sets out:

- a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
- the effective time-period for the medical reason.

Individuals with a medical reason for not being fully vaccinated and who have provided proof of a medical reason, are allowed on campus but are required to submit to regular antigen point of care testing for COVID-19 and to provide verification of the negative results to a member of the RCIIS staff.

**Please note that written proof of medical exemptions must be in English.*

RCIIS will continue to follow requirements for physical distancing and capacity limits as per regulatory requirements and/or based on public health advice. Additionally, we will continue to require staff, students, teachers, and visitors to complete a check-in process each day before arriving to school:

<https://rciis.ca/check-in>

Non-medical masks and face coverings will still be required in all indoor settings and must be worn during instruction time by both students and teachers.

Hand hygiene (with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand rub) is an important aspect of infection prevention and control and will be readily provided for everyone who comes to school.

Regular cleaning and disinfection protocols continue to be in place with an emphasis on high-touch areas and academic learning environments.

The mental health and wellness of students are of great importance and continue to be prioritized by RCIIS. We encourage all students to reach out to our counselor staff if necessary or utilize the following website anonymously:

[Good2Talk | Post-Secondary Student Support](#)

If RCIIS is informed of any positive cases of COVID-19 among staff, teachers, or students regardless of the person's vaccination status, RCIIS will immediately notify their local public health unit, and act accordingly.

Resources:

[COVID-19: Stop the spread](#)

[COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)

[COVID-19 Assessment Centres](#)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): International Students in Canada](#)

[Using masks in the workplace](#)