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Proof of vaccine procedures and accommodation

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As [announced on August 17](#), Sheridan is requiring anyone who comes to campus after September 6 to demonstrate that they are fully vaccinated. This decision was made to uphold our obligation to provide a healthy and safe place to work, study, and live.

Today we are pleased to provide additional details regarding the implementation of our vaccine mandate. To support our immunization policy, Sheridan has secured the services of two third-party organizations - one to track vaccination and accommodation documents and the other to provide an onsite rapid testing program.

Proof of vaccination

Beginning on September 1, all students and employees will be able to upload their vaccination records to a secure document management platform hosted by Synergy Gateway that ensures data integrity and security. The link will be shared prior to September 1, through an email sent by helpdesk@synergygateway.com, which may be shown in your inbox as "helpdesk" with a subject line of "Your access to Verified".

Students in residence can expect to receive separate communications regarding updated immunization verification procedures and our move to the Synergy Gateway platform. The deadline for students in residence to receive their second dose remains September 17.

Accommodation

Individuals may seek vaccine accommodation for medical/disability, creed, or other grounds protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code. To begin the process to apply for accommodation, please download a fillable form from the Synergy Gateway platform.

Education

In keeping with Provincial directives, all individuals coming to campus must first complete Sheridan's mandatory COVID training module which will be made available via SLATE and other platforms prior to the start of the semester.

Rapid COVID-19 screening

Individuals who need to come to campus but have not uploaded vaccine records – including anyone who has applied for or received vaccine accommodation from Sheridan – must participate in onsite, rapid screening for COVID-19. A negative screening result will be required to gain access to campus. Screening will be required twice per week. Our partner, Global Health Solutions, will be on campus starting on September 7 to perform the screening and to administer follow up testing should a screening result come back positive.

October 15 deadline

The transmissibility of the Delta variant has shown that the fourth wave is a pandemic of the unvaccinated and public health directives confirm that the best defense is vaccination. With approximately half of our learners engaged in face-to-face learning, and all students – including those in fully remote programs – eligible to access laboratories, studios, study spaces, and common areas, Sheridan must embrace all available measures to manage the spread of COVID-19. Our priority remains the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community.

October 15 is the deadline for uploading vaccination records. Anyone who has not submitted proof of full vaccination by that date will be denied access to campus unless they have received a vaccine accommodation from Sheridan. Those with a vaccine accommodation will be required to undertake rapid screening to access campus.

Any employee who is required to be on campus and has not submitted proof of vaccination and who also does not have a vaccine accommodation from Sheridan will likely be placed on unpaid leave for the portion of their duties that cannot be performed remotely.

Any student who is required to be on campus and has not submitted proof of vaccination and who also does not have a vaccine accommodation from Sheridan will need to email registrar@sheridancollege.ca to determine options for continuing in their academic program.

Obtaining a vaccine

Sheridan will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines for all employees and students through our Health Centres. Sheridan is also working with public health units in Peel and Halton to bring mobile vaccine buses to our Davis and Trafalgar Campuses this September.

Next steps

Given the highly fluid nature of this pandemic, Sheridan may be required to make further changes to our policy and procedures. We expect to receive updated regulatory direction from the province soon. As information becomes available, we will continue to share it with you. In the meantime, please visit our [COVID-19 FAQs](#) about fall term, where we have provided all of the details that are currently known. Employees can also review our [Return to Campus page](#) on Sheridan Central for additional resources.

Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and the rest of the Sheridan community safe.

Sincerely,

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