

A MESSAGE FROM:**Dr. Janet Morrison,
President and
Vice Chancellor**

Updated vaccine procedure at Sheridan

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Dear Sheridan Community,

Since the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a global health emergency 18 months ago, Sheridan's response has been guided by an unwavering commitment to protect the health and holistic wellbeing of our entire learning community. Throughout this crisis, we have also promised that we would navigate our pandemic response *together*, in ways that demonstrate kindness, generosity and compassion.

With Canada's public health experts declaring a fourth wave of the pandemic and acknowledging that vaccination is the best solution for living alongside COVID-19 and its dangerous variants, we must remain flexible and continue to demonstrate resiliency, agility, and courage. To that end, earlier this month, Sheridan [announced](#) that vaccines would be required for students in high-risk or high traffic settings, such as those who intend to participate in varsity athletics or live in Residence.

Today, we were pleased to receive direction from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health about immunization policies for health care settings and the education sector -- including post-secondary institutions.

Further to Dr. Moore's announcement and effective this fall, **Sheridan will require everyone who comes to campus to demonstrate that they are fully vaccinated.** An option will exist for individuals to apply for an exemption. Those who are not vaccinated will be provided with information on vaccines and required to participate in routine, rapid antigen testing. Sheridan will offer vaccination for all members of the community through our Health Centre. Details about implementation will be available in the coming weeks.

These policies complement the robust work that we've been undertaking all summer to ensure a safe return to campus including mandatory mask requirements, upgraded ventilation in our buildings, enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols, way-finding signage, controlled access and contact tracing procedures.

The pandemic continues to test our patience and endurance; navigating our way to the end demands unrelenting focus. In the face of these challenging circumstances, we'll continue to do what we can to create a sense of comfort, support, and stability, while always placing paramount emphasis on protecting health and safety.

Each of us are being called upon to confront the challenges that lie ahead, focus on the factors within our control and embrace a shared responsibility to protect ourselves and one another. Sheridan remains stronger than ever because of your actions, and I remain truly honoured and grateful to be your President.

Sincerely,

Janet Morrison, PhD
President and Vice Chancellor

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