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## **Frequently Asked Questions: Fanshawe's Vaccination Policy**

### **What is Fanshawe's policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination for access to campus for the fall semester?**

Fanshawe is requiring full vaccination as a condition of accessing our campuses as of November 5, 2021. Those who are not fully vaccinated by November 5, 2021 and do not have an approved medical exemption will not be permitted on campus. The full policy will be finalized and posted online by September 7, 2021.

### **Who does this policy apply to?**

This policy applies to all students, employees, contractors and other visitors to all Fanshawe campuses and affiliated locations.

### **How soon do I need to provide proof of vaccination?**

The College will provide a detailed explanation of how to register your vaccination status in the next few weeks.

### **I am not currently vaccinated – can I come to campus the week of September 7 to start my classes?**

Yes. You will have until November 5 to be fully vaccinated or apply for a medical exemption. Fanshawe will provide further details about these requirements over the next few weeks. In the meantime, we strongly encourage everyone to get your vaccinations as quickly as possible.

### **What do you mean by full vaccination?**

"Fully vaccinated" means you have received a full series of doses of a Health Canada or Public Health Ontario approved COVID-19 vaccine and having reached the 14 day mark since the second dose.

### **Can I apply for an exemption?**

Individuals may be granted an exemption for medical reasons. Those with an approved medical exemption (after November 5, 2021) will be required to provide proof of a negative test result within the last 72 hours. The College will provide more information shortly about where and how you can get tested and provide those results.

### **Are there exemptions for certain faiths or based on the Human Rights Code?**

The Government of Ontario has advised that there are only two medical exemptions: severe reaction to a component of the vaccine or myocarditis.

### **What happens if I choose not to get vaccinated?**

Those who are not fully vaccinated by November 5, 2021 and do not have an approved medical exemption will not be permitted on campus.

- Before November 5, more information will be provided to employees who choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and who will not have an approved exemption.
- After November 5, students who choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and who do not have an approved exemption, will have their on campus studies deferred or transitioned to fully online delivery – if this method of delivery is available. Further

information will be available, when we have determined the process to implement this requirement.

**If I choose not to be vaccinated, can I withdraw from my program and receive a refund of the tuition/ancillary fees paid?**

Further information will be available for students who choose to withdraw from their studies.

**Why do I have to provide proof of my COVID-19 vaccination?**

The Government of Ontario has mandated that all colleges and universities must require vaccination policies on campus, including obtaining proof of vaccination.

**What constitutes proof of vaccination?**

Proof of vaccination means a written vaccination record of your COVID-19 immunization date(s) issued by the provincial or territory government, or country, in which you were immunized.

**When and how do I have to provide my proof of COVID-19 vaccination?**

Fully vaccinated individuals will be required to register their vaccination status through a secure electronic registration system. The College will provide a detailed explanation of how to register your vaccination status in the next few weeks.

**What is the timeline to get vaccinated?**

We encourage you to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible. The College will allow a grace period to give you time to be fully vaccinated. That grace period ends Friday, November 5. That includes a 14-day waiting period required to achieve vaccine protection, meaning you must receive your second dose by Friday, October 22 to be compliant with the policy.

**The Government of Ontario is giving some businesses until September 22 to require proof of vaccination. Why is Fanshawe's deadline not until November 5?**

The College wants to ensure that all staff, students and visitors to campus have enough time to be fully vaccinated. November 5 allows individuals who have not yet received their first vaccination to be fully vaccinated before November 5.

**Will any of the facilities operated on campus be impacted by the September 22 date for proof of vaccination?**

Businesses and events that will welcome the public on campus will be required to comply with the September 22 deadline. This includes the Student Wellness Centre, the Outback Shack and indoor sporting events, which will require proof of vaccination to enter as of September 22.

**What happens during the grace period before proof of vaccination or testing are required?**

The College's existing screening protocols will remain in effect including mandatory [COVID-19 online screening assessment](#) each day before coming to the College. Faculty, campus security and College staff will be empowered to confirm students have completed the screening. You must also complete the mandatory COVID training module found on MyFanshawe.

**I am studying fully online. Do I still need to provide proof of my vaccination status?**

The policy only applies to individuals who will attend any Fanshawe campus.

**I am currently on co-op/ placement off campus. Do I still need to provide proof of my vaccination status?**

If you will be attending a co-op work term or participating in internship, clinical or field placements, be sure to confirm with your co-op consultant or program coordinator whether you will require a COVID-19 vaccination before you are permitted to enter the host's facility. Some agencies and employers may require proof of a first or second dose and some may have a waiting period prior to entering the workplace. While on a work-integrated learning experience, you are expected to follow all policies and regulations that apply to your host agency or employer.

**Is my personal information secure?**

Yes. All proof of vaccination, requests for accommodation and supporting documents, and proof of negative COVID-19 test results will be collected, used and stored in accordance with the College's obligations under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31*.

**Can I get vaccinated on campus?**

In order to make it as easy as possible for staff and students to receive the vaccine, the College has partnered with the Middlesex-London Health Unit to hold immunization clinics at the London Campus (1001 Fanshawe College Blvd.) and the London South Campus (1060 Wellington Road). Dates, times and locations are [available online](#). Please check with other local health units for regional immunization clinics.

**How else can I access a vaccine?**

Ontario COVID Vaccine site - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>

Local Health Units:

- [Middlesex-London Health Unit](#)
- [Southwestern Public Health](#)
- [Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit](#)
- [Huron Perth Public Health](#)

Family physician

Local pharmacies

**Where can I access rapid testing and what is the cost?**

The College will provide more information shortly about how often, where and how you can get tested and provide those results.

**How do I verify my negative COVID rapid test?**

The College will provide more information shortly about how often, where and how you can get tested and provide those results.

**What type of vaccine is available at the vaccination clinics?**

The pop-up vaccination clinics we're offering in partnership with the Middlesex-London Health Unit will offer either the Moderna vaccine or the Pfizer vaccine depending on available supply.

**Do I still need to wear a mask after I am fully vaccinated?**

Yes. Anyone on campus will be required to wear a face covering at all times while indoors except when actively eating or drinking in publicly accessible places such as hallways, academic labs and classrooms, reception areas, food services, etc.

**I've already had COVID-19. Does the proof of vaccination requirement apply to me?**

Yes. Fanshawe is requiring proof of vaccination for all students and employees accessing any of our campuses.

**I am an international student and I was vaccinated in my home country. Does that count?**

Potentially. Entry to Canada is based on being fully vaccinated by one of the four [approved Health Canada vaccines](#). However, if you have been vaccinated outside of Canada, you are asked to bring proof of immunization (including your name, as well as the date, place and type of vaccine you received) and a form of identification that has your name and date of birth to the Middlesex-London Health Unit's reception area, located at 355 Wellington Street, Suite 110, Citi Plaza, London, ON; Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A public health nurse will assess your vaccination status, document your immunization, and advise you accordingly.

**Who do I contact for more information?**

Please watch your email for more details on Fanshawe's vaccination requirements.