

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the university's parameters and expectations related to COVID-19 immunization for students who will be living in residence, including the tracking of vaccinations received and the process for those seeking an exception from the vaccine requirement.

Requirements:

- Students were required to disclose their vaccination status during the month of July.
- Students are required to follow through on their indicated status, including getting their second dose, where they indicated an intention to do so.
- On August 12 the university announced that a [vaccine requirement](#) will be in place for all students, staff, faculty and visitors to campus this fall. Exceptions to this requirement are available only in the rare cases of validated medical or other protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Students will be required to submit supporting documentation for these exceptions for review and approval by the university.
- On August 24, the university [received a letter from the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health](#), (COMOH) recommending that post-secondary COVID-19 vaccination policies require that all individuals attending in-person be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination. The letter also indicated that **unvaccinated individuals (students, staff, faculty, contractors, and visitors) are not to participate in any in-person activities on campus, with "rare exceptions"**.
- **The university is required to implement the COMOH recommendations.** The updates in this policy reflect those recommendations.
- As soon as a student's declared vaccination status changes, they are required to update their individual record through the [Student Residence and Dining Portal](#).
- A student's declared status must be current, within a maximum of 2 days prior to their move-in date.
- Students who indicate that they do not intend to be vaccinated are not permitted to move-in/be on campus, unless they obtain an approved exception in the rare cases of validated medical or religious grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code, **and** they provide supporting documentation by completing one of the two forms available in the Student Residence and Dining Portal, for review and approval by the university. **Personal choice is no longer a valid reason for exemption from the vaccination requirement.**
- Students are required to bring their proof of vaccination with them to Kingston and may be required to provide it upon request at and/or after move-in.
- There will be a university-wide, secure online declaration tool that students in residence will also have to complete and upload proof of vaccination to that tool. Students will be advised when and how to complete this requirement.
- Students are able to move in to residence if they are only partially vaccinated – they are expected to have their first vaccine dose before they move in or receive it at the on-campus clinic during move-in. Students are required to complete their full vaccination or exception requirements by October 15, 2021.

- Students who are not fully vaccinated will be subject to twice weekly rapid testing and other health and safety measures as outlined [here](#) and other requirements as outlined in the [Residence Isolation Protocol](#).