



## ***WILLOWDALE HIGH SCHOOL***

### ***COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION DISCLOSURE POLICY***

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#### **Introduction**

The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) intends to issue instructions for the education sector that require all private schools to have a COVID-19 immunization disclosure policy in place. The Ministry of Education announced on August 17, 2021, that an immunization disclosure policy (“policy”) will be required for all students and staff in private schools and other individuals frequently in these settings who may have direct contact with students and/or staff, for the 2021-22 school year. Regular rapid antigen testing requirements will be put in place for staff who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Individuals who do not intend to be vaccinated, without a documented medical reason, will be required to participate in an educational session about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this document is to outline *Willowdale High School's (WHS)* expectations with regards to COVID-19 immunization disclosure of staff, volunteers, third-party contractors, student practitioners, frequent visitors and other professionals who provide in-person services in schools and who have direct contact with staff and/or students both on campus and residence.

All eligible individuals are strongly encouraged to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, unless there is a medical reason to not receive a vaccine.

#### **Background**

*The WHS School* recognizes the importance of immunization as a key element to help keep school settings safe. This COVID-19 immunization disclosure policy aims to protect the school's population.

COVID-19 is an acute respiratory illness caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). It may be characterized by fever, cough, shortness of breath, and several other symptoms. Asymptomatic infection is also possible. The risk of severe disease increases with age but is not limited to the elderly and is elevated in those with underlying medical conditions.

#### **Application of the Policy**

This Immunization Disclosure Policy applies to the following groups, except where the individual works remotely and the individual's work does not involve in-person interactions:

- All private school employees/staff, including daily and long-term occasional teachers and casual education workers; and
- Student transportation drivers.

The following individuals if attending the school premises frequently and have direct contact with staff or students:

- Students on educational placement, including students on a placement / work-integrated learning visit who are training in the provision of professional services (e.g., teacher candidate practicums, nurse, psychologist, behavioural therapist, speech-language pathologist, etc.);
- Volunteers,
- Those who provide professional services to children at school; and
- Visitors, including third-party contractors.

### **Policy**

The CMOH has directed WHS School to develop, implement and ensure compliance with a COVID-19 immunization disclosure policy. This policy requires all individuals covered by the policy to provide one of the following:

1. Proof of all required doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the World Health Organization.  
Note: **By September 7, 2021**, individuals covered by the policy are expected to submit proof if they are “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19. See: Attestation indicating a staff is “fully vaccinated” against covid-19.
2. Written proof of a medical reason, provided by either a physician or nurse practitioner that sets out:
  - a) that the person cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19; and
  - b) the effective time period for the medical reason (i.e., permanent or time-limited).

Note: Proof must be provided by either a physician or a nurse practitioner (note: A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse who holds an extended certificate of registration under the Nursing Act, 1991).

3. Proof that the individual has completed the educational program approved by the private school.

Note: Individuals who do not intend to be vaccinated, without a documented medical reason, will be required to participate in an educational session about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination.

### **Educational Program**

The educational program addresses the following learning components:

- how COVID-19 vaccines work;
- vaccine safety related to the development of the COVID-19 vaccines;
- benefits of vaccination against COVID-19;
- risks of not being vaccinated against COVID-19; and
- possible side effects of COVID-19 vaccination.

### Testing Requirements

Individuals subject to the policy who are not fully vaccinated must regularly complete rapid antigen testing for COVID-19 and demonstrate a negative result, at a minimum interval of twice weekly; and provide verification of the negative test result through email or print copy.

Individuals who receive a positive result are prohibited from coming to work until the individual has submitted a laboratory-based PCR test and received a negative result or has been cleared to return to work by their local public health unit.

**PROVIDING PROOF:** By September 7, 2021: Individuals covered by the policy are expected to submit proof if they are “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19. See: *Attestation indicating a staff is “fully vaccinated” against covid-19.*

### ATTESTATION INDICATING A STAFF IS “FULLY VACCINATED” AGAINST COVID-19.

**In addition, please provide proof of vaccination (i.e. vaccine receipt. See next page).**

I \_\_\_\_\_ affirm that I am fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

*In this attestation, “fully vaccinated against COVID-19” means having received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine or combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by the World Health Organization (e.g., two doses of a two-dose vaccine series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine series); and having received the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.*

*I affirm that all of the information and answers provided herein, and any accompanying supporting documentation are complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief as required by law. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification, or omission of any material facts may render this attestation void.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Toronto, Ontario

Individuals with a **red and white health card, or individuals who are having difficulty accessing their vaccine receipt(s) online**, should call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at [1-833-943-3900](tel:1-833-943-3900). A call centre agent can email a copy of the receipt.

Individuals who have questions or concerns about the information supporting their COVID-19 vaccine receipt should contact their [local public health unit](#) for further information.

The physical/hard copy receipt and email version of the receipt a person would have received will resemble the following:

<p><b>Ontario</b> </p> <p><b>Ministry of Health</b> <b>Ministère de la Santé</b></p> <p>Name/Nom: [REDACTED] Health Card Number/Numéro de la carte Santé: [REDACTED] Date of Birth/Date de naissance: [REDACTED] Date/Date: 2021-05-16, 3:43 p.m. Agent/Agent: COVID-19 mRNA Product Name/Nom du produit: PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE mRNA Diluent Product: PFIZER Diluent 0.9% Sodium Chloride Lot/Lot: [REDACTED] Dosage/Dosage: 0.3ml Route/Voie: Intramuscular / intramusculaire Site/Site: Left deltoid / deltoïde gauche You have received 1 valid dose(s) / Vous avez reçu 1 dose(s) valide(s) Vaccine Administered By/Vaccin Administré par: [REDACTED] Registered Practical Nurse Authorized Organization/Organisme agréé: [REDACTED]</p> <p><small>Note: Only valid doses are counted / Remarque: Seules les doses valides sont comptées</small></p> <p><small>Please remain on the premises for the next 15 minutes for observation. You are free to leave the vaccination clinic at 3:58 PM / Veuillez rester sur place pendant les 15 prochaines minutes aux fins d'observation. Vous pouvez quitter la séance de vaccination à 3:58 PM.</small></p>
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