

COLLEGE POLICY

Policy No. & Title:	P-221 COVID-19 Vaccination – Students (NS)
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Purpose

Consistent with our duty to provide and maintain a workplace and education environment that is free of recognized hazards, the College supports action to safeguard the health and well-being of students, employees, contractors, clients, test centre candidates, vendors, visitors, and others who spend time in our facilities from infectious conditions that may be mitigated through an effective vaccination program in alignment with all provincial laws.

To encourage the on-going recruitment of qualified students to attend College programs, and to recruit and retain College employees, this policy serves to establish guidelines and principles regarding vaccination protocols and procedures for College members.

Scope

This policy applies to all employees, students, contractors, clients, test centre candidates, vendors, visitors, and any other individual that accesses any College facility in Nova Scotia.

Definitions

Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine: Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).

World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine: All Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines plus Sinopharm and Sinovac.

In Nova Scotia, you're considered fully vaccinated 14 days after you have any of the following COVID-19 vaccines:

- 2 doses of AstraZeneca or COVISHIELD
- 2 doses of Moderna
- 2 doses of Pfizer
- 2 doses of a combination of COVID-19 vaccines (AstraZeneca, COVISHIELD, Moderna and Pfizer)
- 1 dose of Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
- 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization but not approved by Health Canada (including Covaxin, Sinovac and Sinopharm)

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- 1) Starting February 28, 2022, proof of full vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test from within the previous 72 hours is no longer required to participate in discretionary, non-essential events and activities that gather people together.
- 2) This change does not signal that COVID-19 has disappeared or that the pandemic is over, it does mean that we have come to a place where we know what we need to do to manage this virus and to keep each other safe. We need to remain vigilant. We need to stay home when sick. And, most importantly, we need to get vaccinated and boosted. Vaccination remains one the best defenses against Covid-19. For information on where to get your vaccine, please visit [COVID-19 Vaccine | Nova Scotia Health Authority \(nshealth.ca\)](https://www.nshealth.ca/COVID-19-Vaccine).

Available Supports for Vaccination

Ontario resources –

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#)

[Reopening plan: phase 3 - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): symptoms, testing and how to self-isolate - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): vaccine - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): protect yourself and others - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#)

[Vaccination for adults - Canada.ca](#)

Related Policies

C-405 Privacy

P-205 Confidentiality

P-101 Health & Safety

Supporting Documents/Forms

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