

Knox College Vaccination Policy – Implementation – Fall 2021

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On 30 August 2021, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) for Ontario issued instructions for post-secondary education institutions to establish, implement and ensure compliance with a COVID-19 vaccination policy requiring its staff, faculty, students, contractors and volunteers to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19.

In turn, the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and University (MCU) released a Post-Secondary Education Health Measures Framework for Fall 2021, in an effort to provide guidance and reporting requirements for post-secondary education institutions in the development and implementation of their vaccination policy and protocols.

The directives issued by the CMOH and MCU affirm and support the Fall 2021 vaccination requirements set out in the COVID-19 Protocols, issued by the Knox College Principal's Office on 26 August 2021. That policy, in part, reads:

“Knox College requires all students, faculty, staff, residents, contractors, volunteers, visitors and current T-Card holders to be fully vaccinated in order to enter the Knox College building and/or to participate in Knox College activities whether on campus or off-site.”

Given that Knox College will not be offering courses on campus (in-person) in Fall 2021, the current policy speaks specifically to those members of the Knox College community who:

- *May be invited to attend appointments or meetings with Knox College staff and/or faculty*
- *Will participate in 2021/2022 off-campus Clinical Pastoral Education Units*
- *Will participate in 2021/2022 off-campus Supervised Pastoral Education Units*
- *Will participate in 2021/2022 off-campus Theological Field Education placements*

Furthermore, the current policy also speaks to those members of the Knox College, Toronto School of Theology and University of Toronto community who:

- *Intend to access the Caven Library collection and resources*

Please note that physical distancing restrictions and mask mandates remain in effect in the Knox College building.

Individuals with a documented medical or Ontario Human Rights Code exemption will be eligible to enter the Knox College building. Provision of official exemption documentation and a negative antigen rapid-test result will be required prior to and upon arrival at Knox College.

Except those with medical or Human Rights Code exemptions, proof of vaccination for any Knox College student planning to visit the Knox College campus this fall must be provided by both:

1. Email to the Knox College Privacy Officer at knox.registrar@utoronto.ca
2. Presentation of confirmation of successful registration with UofT's UCheck self-reporting program upon arrival at Knox College

With a view to January 2022, Knox College continues to work in concert with the Toronto School of Theology and the University of Toronto, to ensure compliance with CMOH and MCU requirements related to a healthy and safe return to on campus course offerings and community life.

Further details and instructions related to the Knox College vaccination policy and its implementation will be sent to all members of the Knox College community and posted to the Knox College website.