

MEMO

To: St. Jerome's University Community Members

From: Peter Meehan, President and Vice Chancellor

Date: August 24, 2021

Subject: **Return to Campus Vaccination Requirement, FAQs, Town Hall**

Today the University of Waterloo announced its support of the [Council of Medical Officers of Health recommendation](#) that all post-secondary institutions in the province require people coming to campus to have [proof of COVID-19 vaccination](#). St. Jerome's University is aligned with this measure to protect public health and reduce the spread of this pandemic, now in its fourth wave. Proof of vaccinations will be mandatory for those coming to St. Jerome's University's campus, with accommodations on medical or human rights grounds.

The proof of vaccination requirement comes into effect on September 7, 2021. Anyone not yet fully vaccinated must provide proof of being fully vaccinated no later than October 17, 2021, and must participate in the rapid testing program if coming to campus prior to that date. Those with accommodations or not fully vaccinated must test negative on a rapid antigen test, no more than 72 hours before coming to campus.

How will this new process be managed? As we receive further guidance from our partners in the government on the health and safety regulations that will be in place this fall term, and the management of submission of proof of vaccination by the University of Waterloo, we will share those details with our community. We anticipate another update from our partners later this week and will make every effort to ensure you are kept current in this rapidly changing environment.

We will continue to follow the guidance of our partners in the government, public health, and university to update our return to campus plans. As part of that process, we are gathering information to provide a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) summary that our employees can refer to when differentiating SJU's processes from the University of Waterloo's, where applicable. Employees will receive that summary prior to our SJU return to campus [Town Hall](#) meeting, taking place on Thursday, September 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through this changing environment and for your ongoing commitment to optimizing safety on our campus.