

## MEMO

To: St. Jerome's University Community Members

From: Peter Meehan, President and Vice Chancellor

Date: July 22, 2021

Subject: **NEW** - Vaccination Requirement for Students Living in Residence

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St. Jerome's University continues to prepare for the safe return to campus and Fall Term aligned with our partners in the Region of Waterloo Public Health and the University of Waterloo. In the [most recent communication](#) to the University of Waterloo from the Region's Medical Officer of Health, it was strongly recommended that students living in our residences be vaccinated against COVID-19, and that the institution implement a mandatory reporting of immunization policy for students who choose to live on campus in residence.

High rates of vaccinations among the student population are considered critical to Ontario's pandemic control. Those living in congregate living spaces face unique risks for transmission of COVID-19, and variants like Delta that have had an impact in this region. To help mitigate that risk, St. Jerome's University (SJU) is therefore aligning with the University of Waterloo, and endorsing the Medical Officer's vaccination recommendation.

### **Vaccination Requirement**

Students registered to live in our residence will have a minimum requirement of receiving *one first dose* of a [Health Canada](#) or [World Health Organization](#) vaccine and providing proof of vaccination, before they move into residence. A *second dose* of an approved vaccine must be obtained within the recommended time period and proof that they have done so provided on or before November 1, 2021. The University of Waterloo's vaccination centre on campus offers a convenient location for vaccine doses.

Residents who cannot get a vaccine due to medical reasons or other grounds protected under the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, will be able to submit a request for accommodation.

International students are encouraged to [review the COVID-19 resources](#) for vaccine and quarantine requirements.

We recognize that this new expectation for students living in residence may impact their decision to live on campus. We are offering the opportunity to withdraw from residence by July 31st if desired. A full refund on any paid fees, including the \$500 deposit, will be returned.

Next week our Residence Team will be contacting students currently registered to live in residence with follow-up details further to this memo. I encourage students to reach out to [info@sju.ca](mailto:info@sju.ca) if they have any questions following receipt of that communication. Information will also be posted to our website COVID-19 Undergraduate Student page at [www.sju.ca/covid19info](http://www.sju.ca/covid19info) and in our LATEST NEWS area on the main page.

Thank you for being committed to safeguarding our campus to ensure that we can continue to move toward a full reopening of services and spaces. We want to ensure that we offer nothing less than an excellent residence experience for all of our students and look forward to welcoming them here this fall.