

Policy Number:	8014
Policy Title:	Declaration of COVID-19 Vaccination Status and Rapid Testing Policy
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Policy Statement

The health and safety of the University Canada West (the “**University**”) community is our top priority. The COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to significant health and safety risks for the University community.

Public health officials have repeatedly stated that vaccines are the most effective means to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and of serious illness or death resulting from COVID-19. Public health officials have also stated that in-person learning supports social and emotional development as well as overall wellness and provides many students access to programs and services that are integral to their overall health and well-being.

Consistent with our duty to provide and maintain a safe environment for our community, the University will require all students accessing University campuses or facilities to declare their vaccination status or, alternatively, to participate in other preventative measures outlined in this Policy, including rapid COVID-19 test screening program. Third parties, including contractors and visitors, will be required to provide proof of vaccination to access University campuses or facilities.

Purpose

The purpose of the Declaration of COVID-19 Vaccination Status and Rapid Testing policy (the “**Policy**”) is to support the safe operation of campuses and facilities through health and safety measures designed to supplement Public Health Officer (the “PHO”) guidance and protect students, employees and the University community from increased risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. This Policy also support the University in understanding the scope of the risk to individuals from COVID-19 on Campus and to evaluate options for mitigating those risks.

This Policy supplements, and does not replace, the public health measures set out in the PHO orders and public health guidance. Specifically, this Policy does not apply to any activities on Campus that are subject to Proof of Vaccination under PHO orders.

Scope

All individuals who require access to a University campus, unless they are eligible for an exemption as defined in the Declaration of COVID-19 Vaccination Status and Rapid Testing Procedure (the “**Procedure**”).

Duration

The policy is in place until January 31, 2022, subject to extension. It is important to note that public health requirements may change, and the University will update this policy on a regular basis to reflect the current risk levels and public health guidance.

Definitions

<p>Declaration of Vaccination</p>	<p>Individual’s declaration in myUCW portal that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of the individual’s vaccination status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fully Vaccinated, ○ Partially Vaccinated, ○ Unvaccinated, or ○ Choose not to provide vaccination information • Proof of Vaccination, as required.
<p>Approved Vaccine</p>	<p>A COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved for use by Health Canada.</p>
<p>Fully Vaccinated</p>	<p>An individual is considered Fully Vaccinated under this Policy fourteen days after they have received the full series of an Approved Vaccine or a combination of Approved Vaccines as determined by public health officials in British Columbia.</p>
<p>Proof of Vaccination</p>	<p>The following constitute “Proof of Vaccination” that an individual if Fully Vaccinated for the purposes of this Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC vaccination card, • BC Health Gateway’s electronic Vaccination Card, • BC’s digital vaccination card QR code that properly displays the employee’s correct legal name / identity and vaccination status; • proof in writing issued by the government for the purpose of showing proof of vaccination in accordance with orders made under the Public Health Act; or

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a type of proof, whether electronic or in writing, that is issued by the government of Canada or of a province or territory of Canada for the purpose of showing proof of vaccination for public health or travel purposes.
Rapid Testing	A self-administered nasal swab screening test used in the UCW Rapid Testing Program

Related policies

Policy Number	Policy Title
8013	Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Employees
Pending	Health & Safety Policy

Associated procedure

Procedure Number	Procedure Title
8014p	Declaration of COVID-19 Vaccination Status and Rapid Testing Procedure

Responsibility

The UCW and Manager Facilities, Health & Safety are responsible for the overall administration of the policy and associated procedure.