

St. Stephen's College

Testing and Vaccination Policy Updated to Comply with Government of Alberta Requirements

20 September 2021

To: All St. Stephen's College Faculty, Staff, Students, and Volunteer Committee Members

Regarding: Updates to the Testing and Vaccination Requirements on the St. Stephen's Campus

On September 15, 2021, the Government of Alberta introduced new public health measures aimed to curb the spread of COVID-19. These measures include the Restrictions Exemption Program, which requires all post-secondary institutions to require proof of either COVID-19 vaccination or negative COVID-19 test result for campus access.

The Testing and Vaccination Requirements that St. Stephen's College implemented on September 7, 2021 already met most but not all of the conditions of the government's Restrictions Exemption Program. In order to comply with these new public health measures, our Testing and Vaccination Requirement has now been updated. Key updates include:

- The Testing and Vaccination Requirement now applies to anyone who accesses the SSC campus (previously it only applied to staff, faculty, students, and volunteers).
- Negative test results must not be older than 72 hours (previously 48 hours was permitted), and tests must be completed every 72 hours for individuals who are on campus for successive days (thus replacing the previous requirement of only one test per calendar week).
- Tests must be privately-paid and must not be from Alberta Health Services or Alberta Precision Laboratories (the University testing centres are no longer accessible).
- For the period of September 20 to October 25, 2021, proof of a single dose of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccination is considered acceptable as long as that dose was given more than two weeks before coming to campus. After October 25, 2021, individuals will need to be fully vaccinated.

The St. Stephen's College website will be updated on September 20, 2021 to reflect these changes.

The central information about this policy remains the same: **all St. Stephen's College faculty, staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are required to do the following before coming to campus:**

- **Self-declare their vaccination status using a [confidential Vaccination Declaration questionnaire](#) before coming to campus and/or check-in at the Registrar's Office immediately upon arriving on campus, and**
- **Present proof of either full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result (not older than 72 hours) by email or in person to the St. Stephen's College Registrar's Office. Exemptions can be sought based on a medical, religious, or other protected ground recognized by the Alberta Human Rights Act.**

As always, questions regarding this policy and its implementation should be directed either to the Registrar's Office or to the Principal and Dean.

With thanks,
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Principal and Dean