



## **S-C COVID Vaccination Plan**

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In compliance with the *Postsecondary Education Health Measures Framework for Fall 2021*, Ministry of Colleges and Universities (August 31, 2021), Sutherland-Chan (S-C) is implementing the following policy and procedures:

### General

1. All current measures related to masking, physical distancing and hygienic practices remain in effect unchanged until further notice. We especially remind everyone of the need to maintain indoor masking, including the in-class requirements to refrain from eating during class, and to only remove masks for the brief time it takes to have a sip of a drink.

*(ref: Student Health Contract, multiple emails from Debra Curties, postings around the school about mask wearing and hand washing/use of sanitizers, compliance with self-screening before coming into school, student room sanitizing log books, universal infection control measures and COVID protocols in clinics)*

Note: The Ministry has eliminated physical distancing requirements for indoor postsecondary classrooms, but we want to maintain physical distancing principles for now.

According to Ontario Ministry of Labour requirements, faculty and administrative staff must continue to comply with active self-screening, emailed to Andrew Lewarne, before entering the school premises each day.

2. We have implemented updated COVID screening guidance based on vaccinated versus non-vaccinated status. *(ref: email from Mark Jankie, Sept 3, 2021)*

S-C will continue to comply with Toronto Public Health directives about reporting of positive cases and handling of self-isolation and return-to-school time frames.

3. Any student or staff member who suspects they may have COVID or have been exposed to someone with COVID must:

- Not come into the school
- Consider the chart attached to Mark's Sept 3 email
- Communicate as soon as possible with Lesley and/or Mark and follow their instructions

4. S-C must comply with Ministry monthly reporting requirements of statistical information related to the COVID vaccination status of our students, faculty and administrative staff, based on the vaccinated and non-vaccinated categories discussed in this document. Individuals who do not provide required documentation related to their status may face consequences. It is important to keep in mind that the Ministry has given schools the option to allow or not allow non-vaccinated individuals to be present at the school. In choosing to keep this option open for some of our students and staff, we must rely on everyone's full cooperation in providing the necessary information and following alternative procedures where they apply.
5. In our new premises, S-C has the benefit of new HVAC and air filtering equipment, which is inspected every three months.
6. S-C will ensure all members have access to copies of this policy and any updates.

### COVID Vaccination Requirements

Note: "Fully vaccinated" against COVID-19 is presently defined as *"having received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine or combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by WHO (e.g., two doses of a two-dose vaccine series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine series); and having received the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.* Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario

1. All students, faculty members and administrative staff are asked to provide one of the following by Monday, September 13: (ref: email from Robert Rodbourne, Sept 7, 2021)
  - Documentation of two COVID vaccinations (WHO approved vaccines)
  - Documentation of one vaccination and an appointment for the second
  - Documentation of two appointments for upcoming vaccinations
  - Documentation of a medical exemption that meets current guidelines

In the case of an individual who cannot locate/access documentation of full vaccination because of an unusual circumstance, speak to Mark to discuss the option of providing an attestation. A template will be provided. This option is only available before Oct 29, 2021.
2. Individuals who meet the following criteria must comply with antigen testing conducted at the school twice per week:
  - Received second vaccination fewer than 14 days ago
  - Has received one vaccination but not the second
  - Is not vaccinated (including those with medical exemptions)

In the case of a positive test result, the person must leave the school right away, get tested at a testing centre, and be in contact with Lesley and/or Mark to establish the next steps that apply to the specific circumstance.

Individuals who are only attending or teaching online classes must provide documentation about their vaccination status, but are not required to comply with screening or testing practices while they are not physically coming into the school.

Any individual who is required by this policy to do regular antigen testing at the school must be restricted from being on school premises if they are not in compliance.

Antigen testing will begin at the school the week of September 20 for all classes except the T4 March and T4 May groups, who will begin the week of September 27 (after returning from break). Specific instructions about schedule, location and process will be communicated directly to the individuals who will be participating in the testing.

3. Any individual who has not been fully vaccinated and has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, or is diagnosed in future, must provide dated documentation to establish the correct exclusion period for antigen testing.
4. Individuals are required to provide proof of having taken a school-approved educational session about COVID-19 vaccination if they:
  - Have not been fully vaccinated
  - Cannot provide proof of a first vaccination and an appointment for the second
  - Cannot provide proof of two upcoming vaccination appointments

Individuals who are required to complete the educational module will receive it by email from the school during the week of September 20. Once the requirement is communicated, there will be a 2-week time frame in which to comply.

Note: This requirement does not apply to individuals who have provided documentation of a medical exemption that meets current guidelines.

5. As of January, 2022 all new students will be required to provide proof of full COVID vaccination, or medical exemption documentation that meets current requirements, as a condition of admission.
6. Currently enrolled students must understand that offsite Specialty Clinics have their own requirements for vaccination of participating students. Students who do not meet these requirements (or do not have a documented medical exemption acceptable to the relevant Specialty Clinic) will be unable to participate in these clinics. S-C will make other Specialty Clinic options available for students who were not aware of the need to be fully vaccinated against COVID when they entered S-C program.

## Patients, Contractors, Visitors

1. S-C will not be collecting vaccination status information from patients who attend our onsite Student and Specialty Clinics. This includes volunteer patients for friends-and-family clinics or mock clinics. Please note, however, that patients are required to wear masks at all times while on the school premises.
2. S-C will not reveal the vaccination status of our students and instructors to patients or to others (information reported to the Ministry will be in non-identifiable formats). The receptionists will be given a script to address situations where patients ask them for vaccination status of people they will be seeing in clinics. The emphasis will be on S-C's COVID measures and universal precautions.

No one is obligated to reveal vaccination status if asked by patients in clinical settings at the school. In deference to colleagues and instructors who may not be vaccinated, it is preferable that individual status is not "outed" by process of elimination.

3. Delivery people who are in the school briefly (less than 10 minutes) must sign in at the office or reception desk and must wear a mask at all times while on school premises. S-C will not collect their vaccination status information.
4. In order to have access, contractors, consultants, technicians, and other workers who spend larger increments of time on school premises must provide vaccination status information as outlined in the COVID Vaccination Requirements section above. Documentation of their vaccination status is collected by Andrew Lewarne.
5. Students and staff are asked to refrain from having personal visitors on the school premises until notified that this restriction has been lifted.