

FAQs – Testing for Partially Vaccinated

Overview

Based on the framework set forth by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU), Lambton College will be requiring students, employees, contractors and guests who are partially vaccinated to complete weekly rapid antigen testing in order to enter Lambton College facilities until they have received their second dose.

What does it mean to be partially vaccinated?

Those who are considered to be partially vaccinated are those who have received a single dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine as of September 7, 2021, or those who received their second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine within the 14 days preceding September 7, 2021.

How will partially vaccinated individuals be allowed to enter Lambton College facilities?

Upon attempting to gain entry to any Lambton College facility, those who are partially vaccinated will be expected to be able to present a negative rapid antigen test result that is dated in the seven-day period preceding the date of access, up to and including the date of access. For example, if a partially vaccinated individual wishes to enter a Lambton College facility on September 14, they must have a negative rapid antigen test result dated between September 7 and September 14.

If I am partially vaccinated, when will I have to show my first rapid antigen test result?

Those who are partially vaccinated will be expected to show negative rapid antigen test results as of September 14, 2021.

How will the weekly rapid antigen testing be administered?

Rapid antigen testing will be made available on the Lambton College. These tests will be administered by a nurse or healthcare practitioner. You will not be expected to administer your own rapid antigen test. Those who are partially vaccinated are also welcome to obtain a rapid antigen test at a testing centre or pharmacy, such as Shoppers Drug Mart, and present those results to obtain access to College facilities. However, please be aware that obtaining a rapid antigen test at a testing centre or pharmacy may come at a cost of \$40 or more.

How much will rapid antigen testing cost at Lambton College?

Rapid antigen testing administered on campus will be free of charge for students, employees, contractors or guests who are partially vaccinated. This testing will also be free of charge for students, employees and long-term contractors who have approved accommodation plans that include testing. Accommodation plans are not available for short-term contractors or guests.

What if an individual that is partially vaccinated does not want to submit to weekly rapid antigen testing?

A partially vaccinated individual who does not comply with the weekly rapid antigen testing requirement will not be permitted access to Lambton College facilities.

When are partially vaccinated individuals considered fully vaccinated?

You will be considered fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving the second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine. Until that point, weekly rapid antigen testing will be required.

Why is this requirement being communicated so close to the first day of classes?

This is a new requirement based on the Post-Secondary Education Health Measures Framework for Fall 2021 recently released by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we navigate our return to campus together.