

FAQs for Students – Vaccine Mandate

Leadership

Where can I view the vaccination policy?

Lambton College's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy can be found at lambtoncollege.ca

For the most up-to-date information, students, staff and faculty can visit the [Vaccinations & COVID-19 Protocols](#) page on mylambton.ca

All guests to Lambton College, can visit the [Vaccinations and Campus Safety page](#).

Why is Lambton making COVID-19 vaccinations a condition of being on campus in fall 2021?

To help ensure the health and safety of our College community and our broader community, to give our students the fullest possible College experience, and to aid in the resumption of our applied research activities, we have decided that all students, faculty, staff, contractors and guests who will be on a Lambton College campus will be required to be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

On August 17, 2021, the Government of Ontario identified Post-Secondary Institutions as a high-risk setting for COVID-19, and specifically the Delta variant of the virus. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health has instructed all post-secondary institutions in Ontario to have a Vaccine Policy in place by September 7, 2021.

How long will the vaccination policy be in effect?

At this time, the vaccination policy will be in effect on September 7, 2021. Lambton College will follow provincial, Ministry of College's & Universities and pandemic provincial guidelines as we continue to reassess our processes moving forward.

How will I show proof that I am vaccinated?

Before September 7, 2021 you will be required to issue proof of being fully vaccinated with an accepted COVID-19 vaccine. You can do this through the daily screening process found at <https://mylambton.ca/screening>

COVID-19 vaccination records can be obtained from the government of [Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine website](#). You will need to have a green photo health (OHIP) card (you will need numbers on both sides of the card, expired cards will be accepted)

Valid proof of vaccination includes:

- Receipt from issuing vaccination clinic or pharmacy
- An electronic vaccine receipt issued by the government of Ontario or another province
- A record of each dose of your vaccination, such a receipt, card or confirmation from an international organization in English, or with a certified English translation.

Personal health information, including proof of vaccination, collected by Lambton College will be stored in accordance with Lambton College's [Confidentiality & Privacy of Information & Records \(2000-7-1\) policy](#) and Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

What exemptions is Lambton approving?

If you cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons or other protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code, you will be considered for an exemption. Please be aware that approved exemptions will result in an accommodation plan. Exemptions and accommodation plans are reviewed and issued on an individual basis. Please visit the [Vaccinations & COVID-19 Protocols](#) page for a step-by-step process for applying for an exemption.

I want to request a medical and/or creed/religion exemption. What steps do I take?

Exemptions will be allowed on medical or other protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code and a documentation process is currently being put in place for this. Lambton College will communicate the process for exemption requests and options available. Approved exemptions may impose restrictions on access. Please visit the [Vaccinations & COVID-19 Protocols](#) page for a step-by-step process for applying for an exemption.

Exemption & Accommodation Process

1. Exemptions are available on myLambton's [Vaccinations & COVID-19 Protocols](#) page.
2. Once forms are complete, students or staff will submit signed form(s) to designated secure area.
3. A full review of exemption documentation will be completed by the College. Upon approval, an individual accommodation plan will be provided.
4. Once an accommodation plan is in place, students and employees will be able to access the campus.

Will there be a grace period for those who have received one dose?

There will not be a grace period for vaccinations beyond what is stipulated in the policy. Please see FAQ's for First Dose Vaccinations for clarity located on myLambton.ca and Lambtoncollege.ca.

Facilities

Will masks and physical distancing be required on campus in fall 2021?

As per the provincial mandate requiring the use of masks or face coverings within enclosed publicly accessible spaces, mask use will remain mandatory for every person who accesses the campus. All persons should make every effort to maintain a physical distance (two metres) away from others and encourage collective compliance. The College has also introduced a Campus Access Training module that is mandatory for faculty, staff, students, contractors and visitors attending any of the College's campus locations.

Do I need to be vaccinated if I am picking up something from campus and staying outside (e.g., curbside locker contents or purchases from the Campus Shop)?

Lambton's vaccination policy applies to those in all indoor areas of the College, including vehicles operating as part of the College (e.g., fleet and rental).

Has the College updated the ventilation system for those working and studying on campus?

Measures have been taken to reduce the recirculation of air inside a building and exhaust potentially contaminated air as much as possible. Measures have been taken to increase the supply of fresh outdoor air as much as possible to achieve optimum general dilution of the air inside the building. Filters with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 10 or greater are used for recirculating air before it is supplied back into the general air supply.

How will contactors, clients and visitors confirm their vaccination status?

All contractors, clients and visitors will confirm vaccination status by registering for the Campus Access Training “Be Safe Feel Safe” and uploading their vaccination receipts.

How will my personal health information be protected?

Personal health information, including proof of vaccination, collected by Lambton College will be stored in accordance with Lambton College’s Confidentiality and Privacy of Information and Records Policy 2000-7-1 and Ontario’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Will there still be active screening at entrances to the campus?

Yes, screening will still be mandatory and available at designated campus locations.

I’m fully vaccinated, do I still need to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?

Yes, PPE protocols remain in place regardless of vaccination status. Please refer to the Roadmap to Reopening for more detail.

I’ve already had COVID-19/have COVID-19 antibodies. Do I need the vaccine?

Yes. Those who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to be vaccinated, unless they have an approved exemption or accommodation.

Public Health

What vaccines will Lambton accept during the Fall 2021 term?

Lambton College will accept the COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada and/or the World Health Organization (WHO).

I have not been vaccinated but would like to be. What do I do?

How to Access Vaccines

In Ontario, you can book a vaccine appointment:

- Using this link <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>
- Or by calling 1-888-999-6488

You may also be able to book an appointment at a pharmacy such as Shoppers Drug Mart or Rexall, or by contacting your family physician. Lambton Public Health will host COVID-19 vaccination clinics in the South Building of Lambton College September 9, 2021, September 14, 2021 for those seeking a second dose. No appointments required.

I received one or both of my COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario. How can I find a record of my vaccination?

COVID-19 vaccination records can be obtained from the [Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine website](#). You will need to have a green photo health (OHIP) card (you will need numbers on both sides of the card, expired cards will be accepted)

How can I learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine?

[Lambton Public Health](#) has a very in-depth list of Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 vaccinations, provincial roll, vaccine development, safety and immunity. We encourage all members of the Lambton community to inform themselves about the benefits of the vaccination and how they assist in preventing the spread of the virus.

I am choosing to not attend Lambton College for Fall 2021. Can I get tuition deposit refund?

Yes, please [contact your Enrolment Services Professional](#) (ESP) for next steps.

Residence

I will be living in Residence, but my courses will be online. Do I need to be vaccinated?

All students living in Residence will be required to provide proof of at least a first dose of their vaccine prior to September 7, 2021. Proof of a second dose must be provided by October 18, 2021.

By ensuring all students are vaccinated, we can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and create a safer and more interactive space for everyone.

My program is fully online in the fall and I do not need to come to campus. Do I need to be vaccinated?

At this time, only those coming into a Lambton College building are you required to have the vaccine.

Lambton continues to encourage all employees and students to become vaccinated against COVID-19. To further support the College community in doing so, Lambton will also be hosting vaccination clinics on campus in September in collaboration with Lambton Public Health.

International

As an international student, can I get vaccinated when I arrive in Ontario?

Vaccines are now widely available across Ontario. You can schedule an appointment online. Contact your local public health unit where you will be asked for another form of identification. Once the public health unit has confirmed your eligibility for vaccination, they will help you schedule an appointment. To find your local public health unit and contact number, visit [Book a Vaccine](#) and select the "no Ontario health card" option from the drop down menu under "Health Card Type."

I am an international student who just arrived in Ontario, and I have yet to be vaccinated. Can I live in residence and/or study on campus?

Lambton College is requiring that individuals be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition to come on campus. You can [book a vaccine appointment](#) on the Ontario Government COVID-19 Website.

Should I get the vaccine when I am in quarantine?

Public health officials recommend waiting until you have completed your isolation and no longer have symptoms of COVID-19 before receiving your vaccine, which will help reduce the risk of exposing others to the virus.

I have received a vaccine that has not been approved by Health Canada or the World Health Organization. What do I do?

The province of Ontario has recommended that individuals receive a Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible, at least 14 days after they have received their previous vaccine not approved by Health Canada. You can schedule an appointment for vaccination through the province of Ontario system.