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MEMORANDUM

TO:

SUBJECT:

**Academic Institutions with learners at Toronto Region Hospitals, Toronto Region Hospitals
Aligned approach in tracking and verifying learners' and instructors' COVID-19 vaccination status effective August 24, 2021**

On August 17, 2021, the Government of Ontario issued a [directive](#) mandating hospitals and home and community care service providers have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees, learners, and volunteers in high-risk settings. Such policy must require these individuals to provide one of the following: proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or written proof of a medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19. Proof of completion of a COVID-19 vaccination educational session may be required. Those not vaccinated must submit to regular point of care testing for COVID-19 and demonstrate a negative result, at intervals to be determined by the hospital, which must be at minimum once every seven days. These tests will be administered by the clinical site.

As such, a clear and harmonized approach that has consensus from the Toronto Hospital Education Table has been delineated.

As per the [Guidance on Tracking COVID-19 Vaccination Statuses of Learners](#) developed with consensus across the Toronto Hospital Education Table, the following will be expected and assumed for every learner and instructor that academic programs employ and send to hospitals for clinical placements, effective August 24, 2021:

- The academic institution ensures the learner meets placement eligibility criteria, as defined by placement site.
- The academic institution collects, collates, and keeps record of proof of COVID-19 vaccination for learners and instructors who are vaccinated.
- For those who are not vaccinated, the academic institution collects and collates proof of medical reason for not having vaccination, and/or completion of COVID-19 vaccination educational session as part of learner registration.
- If the learner is not vaccinated, the academic institution will contact the hospital on the approach to this learner's placement on a case-by-case basis. The same conditions apply to instructors from the academic institution who teach at the clinical site.
- Hospitals may contact the academic institution to verify a learner's COVID-19 vaccination status or proof as appropriate and on a case-by-case basis. The same conditions apply to instructors from the academic institution who teach at the clinical site.

If you have questions, please contact Hillary Chan (Advisor, Toronto Academic Health Science Network) at Hillaryk.chan@utoronto.ca.

Sincerely,

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