

## PURPOSE

Georgian College is committed to maintaining a safe residence living experience and a safe learning and working environment. In order to accomplish this we have implemented this protocol, which establishes vaccine related requirements for any individual living in residence during the 2021 – 2022 academic year.

## BACKGROUND

Georgian College, along with our campus partners, has a commitment to providing a safe environment for our students. A residence is a congregate living setting in which the elevated risk of COVID-19 transmission warrants special precaution to protect residents and all our community members. This Protocol is meant to address this risk.

The Government of Canada has authorized several COVID-19 vaccines for use in Canada, a list of which can be reviewed here: <https://bit.ly/3kE0H33>. In a report dated March 16, 2021, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) stated that in clinical trials, all approved COVID-19 vaccines are efficacious in the short term against symptomatic, confirmed COVID-19 disease.

## PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS

This Protocol requires students living in residence to have to be fully vaccinated by October 8, 2021. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated if they've received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine or combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada or the World Health Organization (WHO) (e.g. two dose of a two-dose vaccine series, or on dose of a single dose of the vaccine series); and have received the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to move in.

Residents are to be fully vaccinated by no later than **October 8, 2021**. Residents who do not establish that they have met this this requirement and who have not been granted an exemption by this date will be required to move out of residence. Residence fees will be refunded on a *pro rata* basis.

International students who are unable to obtain a Health Canada or WHO approved vaccine dose prior to move in will have 7 days (following the end of their quarantine period) to obtain their first dose and their second dose per the dosing interval. Residents who do not establish that they have met this requirement and who have not been granted an exemption by this date will be required to move out of residence. Residence fees will be refunded on a *pro rata* basis.

We are restricting guest access to residence until further notice. We will monitor the risk and may reinstate access privileges at a later date.

We are imposing these requirements in addition to other requirements meant to address the risk of COVID-19 transmission in congregate settings. We may change them as the risks continue to evolve, and hopefully lessen.

### **PROOF OF VACCINATION**

Students will be required to provide proof of vaccination to a through the Safe@Georgian mobile app. Georgian College will verify your vaccine record via the Safe@Georgian App and you will receive a Georgian vaccine passport.

Follow [these instructions to upload proof of vaccination](#). You must have approval through the Safe@Georgian app in order to move into residence.

### **EXEMPTIONS**

We recognize our duties under the Ontario *Human Rights Code* (the Code). If an individual is unable to be vaccinated due to a protected grounds we have a duty to provide reasonable accommodation short of undue hardship. We will therefore consider requests for medical condition exemptions and religious/creed exemptions. We will determine how to accommodate those with valid exemption claims on a case-by-case basis in light of the prevailing risks of COVID-19 transmission.

[COVID-19 Medical Accommodation Form](#), print the linked form and have a regulated health care professional sign it, and submit to the address included at the bottom of the form.

[COVID-19 Religious/Creed Accommodation Form](#), complete and submit the linked form to the address included at the bottom of the form.

Neither ground gives individuals a right to refuse vaccination based on political grounds or based on a mere position against vaccination.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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