

## STUDENT COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY

### Policy statement

*What is the policy?*

Bow Valley College wants to keep students healthy and safe from the harmful effects of COVID-19. Federal and provincial public health leaders think full vaccination against COVID-19 is a good and safe way to slow down the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, it is necessary for students to be fully vaccinated to learn and participate in on-campus or College sanctioned in-person activities.

**College sanctioned in-person activities** are any activities that you as a student of the College physically participate in. Example volunteering, practicums, field trips, off-campus classes. etc.

### Purpose

*What is the purpose of this policy?*

This policy explains the vaccination rules for students who are coming to campus or participating in any in-person activities outside of campus as a College student. The policy says it is necessary for students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to keep the College community safe.

### Scope

*What does this policy cover?*

This Policy is for all students coming to Bow Valley College campuses or participating in any in-person activities outside of campus as a College student.

Employees, contractors, volunteers, or any other person who works at Bow Valley College must make sure that students understand and follow this Policy.

### Objectives

*What are the objectives (goals) of this policy?*

1. There are more cases of COVID-19 in people who are not vaccinated. It is important that students at the College be fully vaccinated and follow the Student COVID-19 Vaccination Procedure rules. This will help protect students and other College community members from COVID-19.
2. Students must show proof of vaccination before coming on-campus or for any in-person activities outside of campus as a College student for any reason.
3. Students must follow this policy and other necessary public health orders, municipal bylaws, or other government regulations.
4. Public health information for fully-vaccinated, partially-vaccinated and unvaccinated people may change, which can lead to changes to this policy.
5. The College will continue to watch for COVID-19 information and may make new decisions or create new rules to keep the College community safe.

6. The College will make sure that this policy and its related procedures are available to the College community.

## **Compliance**

*How do you follow this policy?*

Everyone at the College must know and follow all College policies and procedures.

Students who do not follow this policy or provide false proof of vaccination documents will have to go through the disciplinary process, which can lead to withdrawal and removal/restriction from College campuses.

## **Definitions**

**Board of Governors:** The Government of Alberta chooses the Board of Governors. People who are on the Board of Governors make decisions at the College following the Alberta *Post-Secondary Learning Act*.

**College Community:** Everyone at the College who is participating in College activities. It includes all students, employees, elders, independent contractors, suppliers, volunteers, visitors, and members of the Board of Governors. It includes these people when they are at the College, using College property, or participating in College programs, activities, or business on-campus or outside.

**Fully Vaccinated:** In this Policy, a person is “fully vaccinated” 14 days after all required doses of a Health Canada or World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine.

**Student:** Someone who is registered at the College. A student may be registered for credit or non-credit courses.

**Proof of Vaccination:** To show Proof of Vaccination, you need a government-issued record that tells the College you have had your COVID-19 vaccinations.