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## Returning to Campus #3

A Guide to Vaccines for Fall 2021

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***Last updated September 5, 2021. Information on this document is subject to change as federal, provincial, and university regulations change. Please reference the linked official sources to confirm all information.***

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## **Do I need to be vaccinated to return to campus or attend in-person classes?**

All those who will be on campus for the fall will be required to provide proof of vaccination to the University. Exemptions may be made, but are not guaranteed, on medical and religious/creed grounds. Those who are not fully vaccinated, including those on the path to full vaccination, must participate in regular [rapid screening](#) and may be asked to observe additional public health measures.

The expectation is that everyone will have their first dose of the vaccine by September 13 and follow-up with a second dose in order to be fully vaccinated by October 15.

Proof of vaccination will also be required for those who participate in activities designated as high-risk by the University, as well as students living in residence. As of September 5, 2021, these activities include sports, musical instruction, and certain educational placements.

Given that this policy is somewhat new, the details surrounding a grace period to become vaccinated, the types of vaccines accepted, and how proof of vaccination will be submitted are not clear. This guide will be updated once the details of the policy are clearer. In the meantime, see UofT's FAQ on its current vaccine requirements [here](#).

## **Do I need to be vaccinated to live in residence?**

Students living in residence will be required to have at least a single dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before moving in. Additionally, residence students are expected to receive their second vaccine dose as soon as possible, unless they have received a single-dose vaccine.

If you are unable to be vaccinated before your residence move-in date, you will be given a two week grace period to obtain your first dose. If you do not receive your first dose before the end of the 14 days, however, you will not be permitted to stay in residence.

If you did not receive a Health Canada approved vaccine, you should expect to receive a single dose of an mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) before you are considered fully vaccinated. Previously, all World Health Organization approved vaccines were recognized by the university, but these regulations have since been updated based on [new guidance](#) from the federal government. Your ability to move



into residence won't be impacted by these changes, as more information will be communicated shortly.

Find a more detailed FAQ regarding vaccines and residence [here](#) (scroll to the "Information Regarding Residence for Fall 2021" section).

### **I live outside of Canada. What vaccine should I receive?**

If it is available to you, the University recommends that you receive a full schedule of a [Health Canada approved vaccine](#), which as of **September 5**, 2021 includes;

- Moderna
- Pfizer-BioNTech
- Astrazeneca/COVISHIELD
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)

However, if you are unable to access any of the above vaccines, it is recommended that you receive the first [World Health Organization approved vaccine](#) that is available to you. As of **September 5**, 2021, those vaccines include the above *and* the following:

- Sinopharm
- Sinovac

The University recommends that you select the vaccine that will allow you to be fully vaccinated by the time you return to campus and/or residence. Also note that the vaccines approved by Health Canada and WHO may change before the end of the summer, so keep an eye out for official announcements from Health Canada, WHO, and the University.

### **Do I need to be vaccinated to partake in extracurricular and student life activities?**

As of **September 5**, 2021, there have been no official announcements from the University regarding the ability of extracurricular and student life activities to transition to in-person in the Fall. Moreover, the authority of the University to regulate the activities of groups that are technically unaffiliated with the University (i.e. most clubs on campus) is porous.

Therefore, at this time, there are no clear answers to this question.



## **I was partially or fully vaccinated in another province or outside of Canada. How do I verify my vaccination with the Canadian government and/or the University? And how do I complete my vaccination in Ontario?**

If you received any doses of a vaccine outside of Ontario, regardless of whether it was inside or outside of Canada, you should document your vaccination with the Toronto Public Health Unit.

If you received your first dose of a vaccine outside of the province and you would like to complete your vaccination in Ontario, you must document your first dose BEFORE receiving a second dose.

Access the Toronto Public Health online form for documenting your vaccination [here](#).

Starting September 6, to document your vaccination with the UofT, you should use UCheck. More information on how to use this portal can be found [here](#).

## **Which vaccine types are recognized at UofT or in Ontario/Canada?**

Right now, the federal and provincial guidance on how non-Health Canada approved vaccines (e.g. anything except Moderna, Pfizer, Astrazeneca, and Johnson & Johnson) will be verified and regulated is relatively new. As such, the information below is subject to change in the coming weeks. To the best of the UTSU's knowledge, [new federal guidelines](#) indicate that:

- Any Health Canada approved vaccination will be recognized by UofT and Canada
  - If you're fully vaccinated with a Health Canada approved vaccine, then no action is needed
  - If you're partially vaccinated with a Health Canada approved vaccine, then you should complete your vaccination series with a Health Canada approved vaccine
- Any non-Health Canada approved vaccination will be recognized by UofT and Canada as long as you receive a single dose of an mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) in addition to any vaccine doses you already have
- If you have three doses of any vaccine, you will be recognized as fully vaccinated by UofT and Canada

A caveat to these new guidelines is that there is currently no infrastructure for individuals with non-Health Canada approved vaccines to receive this additional mRNA dose. Hopefully, information on this will be released shortly.



See the table below from the [OVPS COVID-19 FAQ](#) on Vaccines for clarification on these regulations:

Vaccination Status		Action Needed to Come to Campus
<b>Unvaccinated</b>		2 doses of a Health Canada approved vaccine
<b>Partially Vaccinated:</b> Received 1st dose of 2-dose vaccine	Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD ( <b>Health Canada approved vaccines</b> )	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of any Health Canada approved vaccine 28 days following the first dose. If the first dose is Pfizer, second dose is given 21 days later.
	Non-Health Canada approved vaccine	1 dose of an mRNA Health Canada approved vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer)
<b>Fully Vaccinated:</b> Received <b>full series</b> of vaccine	Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen ( <b>Health Canada approved vaccines</b> )	No additional vaccines required. <b>No further action required.</b>
	Non-Health Canada approved vaccine	1 dose of an mRNA Health Canada approved vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer)
	Three doses of any vaccine	No additional vaccines required. <b>No further action required.</b>

\* As per **NACI recommendations**, an interval of at least 28 days should be observed between receipt of the last vaccine and the administration of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Note that these new federal guidelines are a departure from previous provincial regulations, released earlier in the summer, that indicated that those fully



vaccinated with any WHO approved vaccine would be recognized as fully vaccinated in Ontario.

### **How can I get vaccinated in Ontario if I don't have OHIP?**

Without OHIP, you cannot book a vaccine appointment through the provincial portal. Instead you can:

- Book a vaccine appointment through an Ontario [pharmacy](#).
- Contact a designated help centre to book a vaccine appointment. Go [here](#) and scroll to the “residents without OHIP” section.
- Go through this City of Toronto [portal](#).

You may also use [Vaccine Hunters Canada](#) to locate a clinic or pharmacy with open appointments and unused doses. Follow their [Twitter account](#) for frequent announcements and join their [Discord server](#) for personalized help to locate a vaccine.

This is not a comprehensive list of vaccination options for those who do not have OHIP. We recommend that you further explore official web pages to find additional vaccination options.

### **Does Ontario plan on issuing vaccine passports?**

Ontario recently announced [plans](#) to introduce vaccine passports in the coming weeks. Check this guide regularly for updates.

### **I was vaccinated in Ontario, but I can't find my vaccine receipt. How do I locate a copy of my receipt online?**

If you have OHIP, you should be able to locate a copy of your receipt at this [online portal](#).

If you do not have OHIP, you can call the provincial vaccine information line at 1-888-999-6488 (more information below) or contact the clinic where you were vaccinated.

### **I have an unresolved question and can't find answers on official websites. Where should I go?**

We recommend that you call, text, or email one of the following hotlines:

*Provincial Vaccine Information Line*

8 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week



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Telephone: 1-888-999-6488

TTY: 1-866-797-0007

*Toronto Public Health Hotline*

8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week

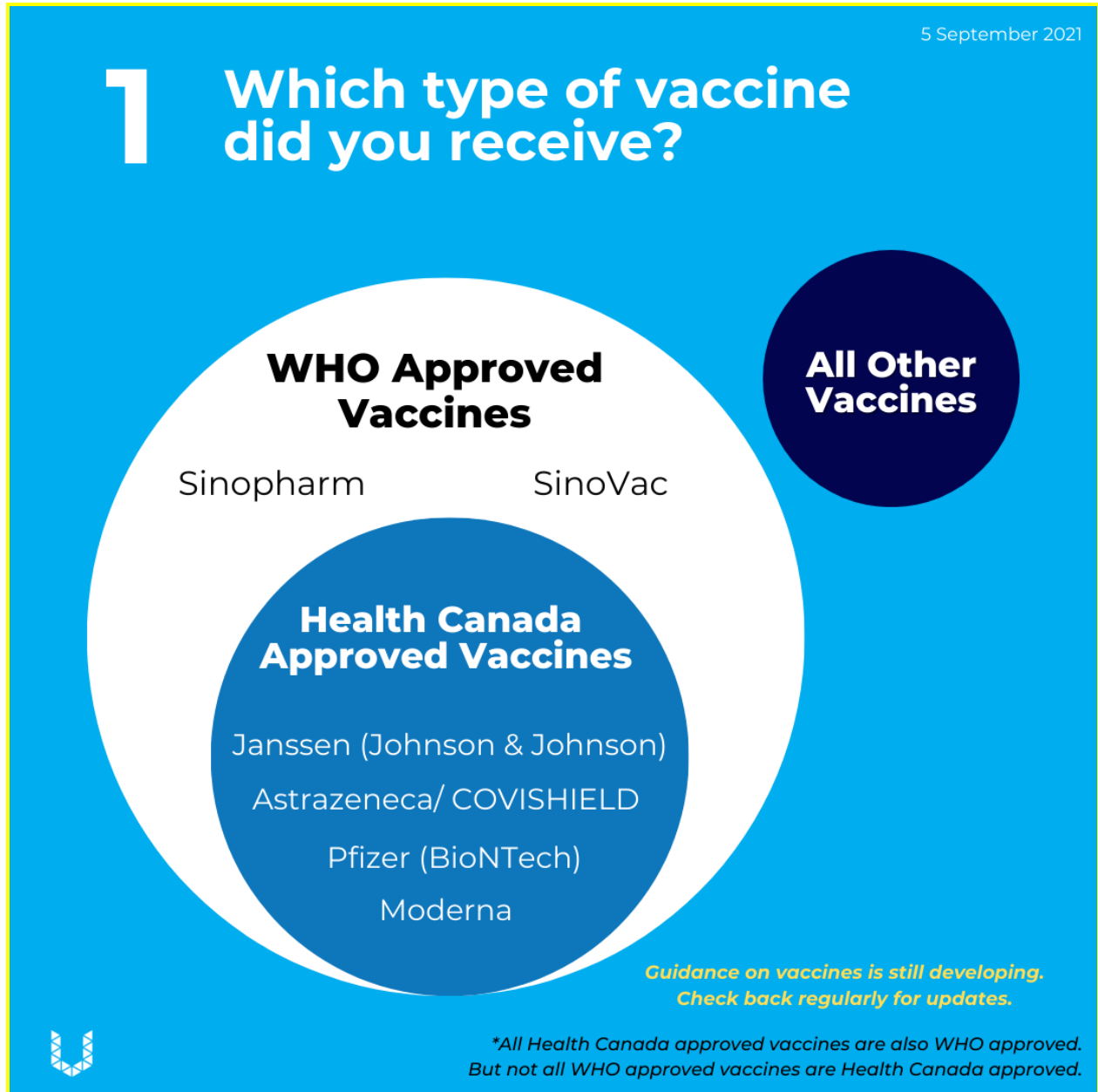
Telephone: 416-338-7600

TTY: 416-392-0658

Email: [PublicHealth@toronto.ca](mailto:PublicHealth@toronto.ca)



**Want a summary of information on accepted vaccine types and vaccine documentation? Check out this graphic guide.**

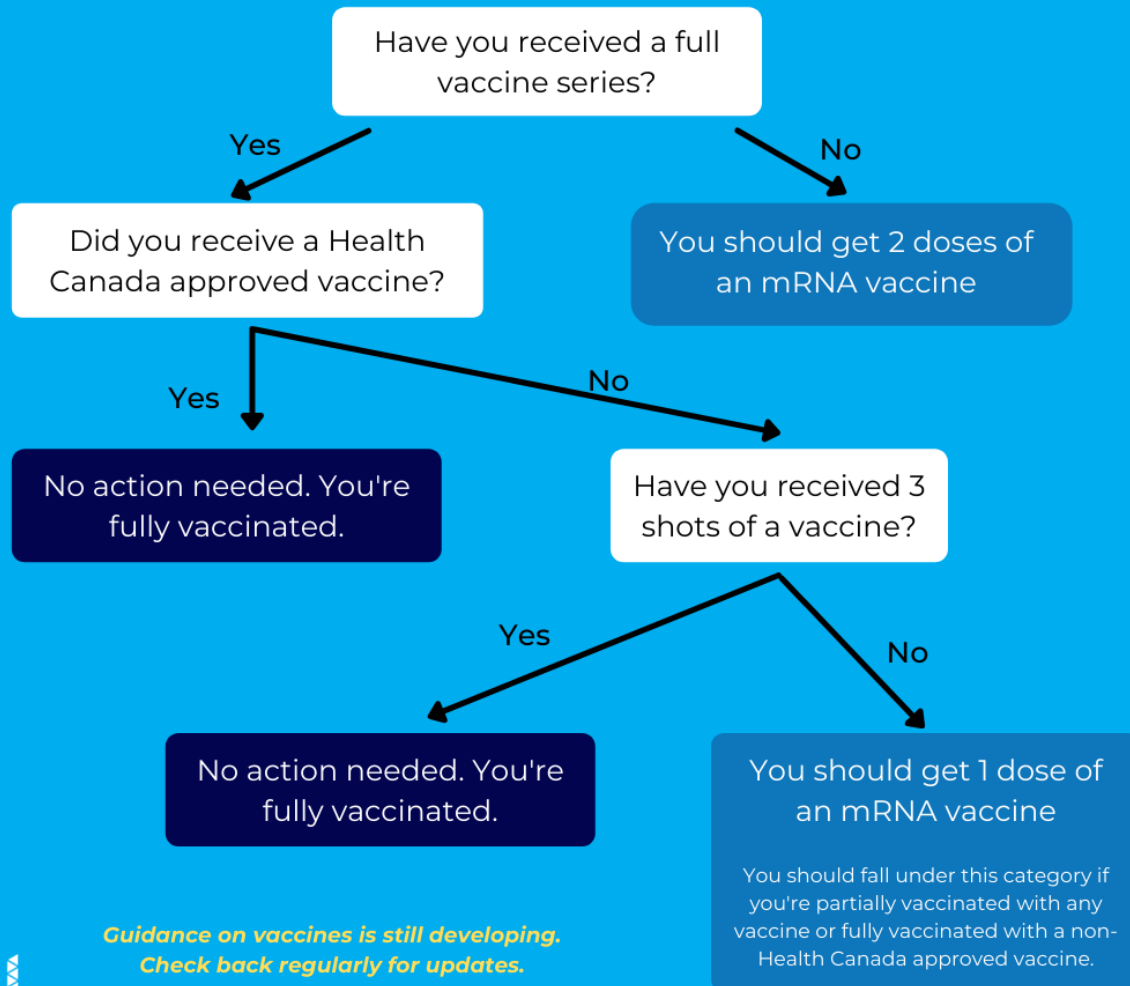






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# 3 Determine your vaccination status in Canada:

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	Exempt from quarantine upon entry	Eligible for Ontario's Vaccine Passport*
Fully vaccinated by Health Canada approved vaccine	✓	<p><i>This will depend on whether you were vaccinated in or outside of Ontario.</i></p> <p><i>Details on validating out-of-province vaccines with Ontario have not yet been released.</i></p>
Partially vaccinated by Health Canada approved vaccine	✗	
Fully vaccinated by WHO approved vaccine	✗	
Partially vaccinated by WHO approved vaccine	✗	
Fully OR partially vaccinated by any <b>other</b> vaccine	✗	
Unable to verify your vaccination, no matter the vaccine-type	✗	



*\*Anyone who is not considered fully vaccinated may be asked to restart a full or partial vaccination series with a Health Canada approved vaccine*



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## For UofT:

- Document your vaccination using UCheck
- Go to [ucheck.utoronto.ca](https://ucheck.utoronto.ca) for more information on how to complete this process

## For the City of Toronto:

- Document your vaccination using Toronto Public Health's online form
- Find the form at [bit.ly/3zQzD5i](https://bit.ly/3zQzD5i)
- You can use this whether or not you have OHIP

