

Memorandum

Date: September 17, 2021

From: Alan Veerman
Chief Operations Officer

To: All Vector Institute Researchers and Staff

RE: Amendment to Vector Institute *COVID-19 Vaccination Policy*

The Vector Institute released a *COVID-19 Vaccination Policy* on September 10, 2021, which described both full vaccination and attestation requirements to either enter into or continue use of the Vector Institute's offices.

On September 14, 2021, the Government of Ontario released Ontario Regulation 645/21 as part of the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*.

This regulation includes a new definition of fully vaccinated, which reads as follows:

A person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if,

(a) they have received,

(i) the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines,

(ii) one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or

(iii) three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and,

(b) they received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

The Vector Institute is now amending its *COVID-19 Vaccination Policy* to incorporate this new definition of fully vaccinated.

The full text of the amended *COVID-19 Vaccination Policy* is attached. This Policy is still planned to come into force effective on October 1, 2021 i.e., the implementation date is unchanged.

The *COVID-19 Vaccination Policy* describes a *Self-Attestation Form*, which is now available at the following [link](#).

Anyone seeking to attend the Vector Institute's offices will be required to complete this *Self-Attestation Form* declaring that they have been fully vaccinated as per the definition above.

The Form describes that you may decline to provide your vaccination status. However, if you decline to provide information about your vaccination status, we will assume you are unvaccinated for the purposes of the Policy.

The Vector Institute is remains committed to protecting the health and safety of all members of the Vector community. Further changes to Vector's *COVID-19 Vaccination Policy* will be announced as may be appropriate and necessary.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to either myself or Julie Semak, Manager, Human Resources for further assistance.