

FALL UPDATE

Message from Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, Dionne Gesink

Dear Students,

I want to provide you with an update on vaccination and mask requirements.

VACCINATION

As you may know already, the University is requiring all students, faculty and staff be COVID vaccinated to be on-campus or to attend any in-person activities. We will not be collecting your vaccination information or status directly. **Vaccination information should be entered into the University's centralized [UCheck](#) system**, where your personal health information will be stored safely. Please enter your information as soon as possible and before you come to campus.

How UCheck works:

The [UCheck](#) system will ask you to upload your vaccination information. This will be in the form of a photo of your receipts, or a UofT authorized exemption. If you have not finished your vaccinations yet, you will be directed to enroll in the testing program and asked to upload your test results, again as a photo, until your vaccination set is complete. Once you have your test or vaccine documents uploaded, then you will be presented with the daily health screening questions. But you won't be able to get to the daily screening, and therefore won't be able to get a green screen, until you have completed the first part of the questionnaire that deals with vaccination status. There is a banner on the Quercus main page that links to [UCheck](#) and every course shell on Quercus includes a [UCheck](#) link.

Vaccination and practicum placements at hospitals:

Given the increasing cases of COVID-19 and the Delta variant, and consistent with the province's Directive #6, local hospitals have updated their requirements for COVID-19 vaccinations and require proof of learner vaccination in order to participate as a student at hospital placement sites.

Hospitals will be working with the University of Toronto to verify learner vaccination status through the [University's UCheck program](#). Please provide proof of your vaccination status via [UCheck](#) and upload the requisite proof of vaccination by **September 9, 2021**. We will not be collecting your vaccination information or status

directly. The University will review and verify that you meet the vaccination requirement and will confirm with hospitals directly.

MASKS

All faculty, students and staff are required to wear masks in all indoor spaces.

The latest version of the policy and guide can be found here: [University of Toronto Policy on Face Masks](#)

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING RESOURCES

Please be attentive to signs that members of our community may be in distress. You can learn how to **Identify**, **Assist** students in distress and **Refer** them to mental health resources through this 30-minute [training](#).

U of T's mental health [portal](#).

8th Floor Lounge: [Wellness](#) and [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) pages, which includes an ongoing wellness series of videos.

DLSPH Educational Technologist Obadiah George created [this](#) “commercial” to promote our wellness series.

CAMPUS-WIDE SAFE RETURN

<https://www.utoronto.ca/utogether/safe-return>

<https://www.utoronto.ca/news/12-ways-u-t-preparing-safe-return-person-instruction>