

Vaccine FAQ

Q: Are all staff and students required to be vaccinated at Bronte College?

A: Yes, all staff and students are required to be vaccinated in order to work or attend school at Bronte College and must provide a proof of vaccination certificate. Students, please email to our nurse at: psarkaria@brontecollege.ca

Q: Why is Bronte College requiring staff and students to be fully vaccinated to be on campus?

A: At Bronte College, our first priority is the health and safety of our community. We strongly feel that in a close environment such as a boarding school, it is imperative we all be vaccinated to protect one another. Mandatory vaccinations are becoming the norm throughout Ontario at university campuses and are strongly recommended by the Ontario public health units and the Canadian government.

Q: I already submitted my child's vaccine proof to Admissions. Do I have to resubmit it?

A: Please resubmit by emailing to psarkaria@brontecollege.ca

Q: I have already been fully vaccinated with a vaccine approved by Health Canada. Is my vaccine acceptable?

A: Students who have received all recommended doses of a Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine given inside or outside of Ontario or Canada are considered to have a complete vaccine series and no additional doses are needed.

Q: I have already been fully vaccinated with a vaccine not approved by Health Canada but it is approved by the WHO (World Health Organization). Is my vaccine acceptable?

A: Students who have received all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that has been listed for emergency use by the WHO are considered to have a complete vaccine series and do not need any additional doses.

Q: I have been vaccinated but the vaccine is not recognized by Canada or the WHO.

A: Students who have received all or some of the recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is neither authorized by Health Canada nor listed for emergency use by WHO require a new series of a Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

Q: I have received only one dose of vaccine to date. Will I be able to get a second dose in Ontario to be fully vaccinated?

A: Students who received the first dose of a two-dose Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine series outside of Ontario or Canada do not need to restart the vaccine series but should receive the second dose as close to the interval recommended by Ontario as possible.

At this time, students who have not received all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine listed for emergency use by WHO may be offered a new series of a Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

Q: I was vaccinated but I don't have proof. What do I do?

A: If the previous date of immunization was known, it is prudent to wait for a period of at least 28 days after the administration of any other COVID-19 vaccine dose(s) before initiating a new Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine series. Vaccinations in Ontario will be required.

Q: My child is vaccinated. Does that mean they will not have to quarantine?

A: The Canadian government only currently recognizes the following vaccines: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) for quarantine exemption. Border officers reserve the right to require quarantine for any individual.

Q: My child will not have time to get both doses before the start of school. Should I have them take their first dose before leaving for Bronte College?

A: Yes, if the vaccine is recognized by the WHO.

Q: My child will need to be vaccinated in Canada. What vaccinations are available to them?

A: Right now the only two approved and administered doses for our student demographic are Pfizer and Moderna.

Q: How will Bronte be organizing student vaccinations?

A: Our school nurse will arrange vaccination appointments for our students on campus and a staff member will accompany students to their appointments.

Q: My child is a day student. May they start to attend classes on campus before they complete their second dose?

A: No, day students who require either their second dose or both doses of vaccine must remain off campus until they are fully vaccinated. We can offer temporary boarding in the residence if students will not have both doses completed before the start of classes. Students who are not fully vaccinated need to quarantine two weeks on campus before attending classes. Please contact admissions for information regarding temporary boarding.

Q: I have a medical or religious exemption. What should I do?

A: Please contact our nurse at psarkaria@brontecollege.ca

As of May 31, 2021, the following COVID-19 vaccines are recognized by the WHO: Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines (e.g. COMIRNATY, Tozinameran), AstraZeneca-Oxford (e.g. Covishield, Vaxzevria), Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), Moderna, Sinopharm.

Q: I do not wish to be vaccinated. Will I have the option of doing classes remotely?

A: No, Bronte College is only planning to do face-to-face learning for 2021-2022.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Ontario COVID-19 Guidance for Individuals Vaccinated outside of Ontario/Canada

VACCINATION STATUS		ACTION NEED TO LIVE IN RESIDENCE
Unvaccinated		2 doses of a Health Canada approved vaccine
Partially Vaccinated: Received 1st dose of 2-dose vaccine	Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (Health Canada approved vaccines)	2nd 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.
	WHO approved vaccine (Sinovac or Sinopharm)	New series (2 doses) of a Health Canada approved vaccine
	Non-WHO approved vaccine	New series (2 doses) of a Health Canada approved vaccine
Fully Vaccinated: Received full series of vaccines	Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, or Johnson & Johnson (Health Canada approved vaccines)	No additional vaccines required. No further action required.
	WHO approved vaccine (Sinovac or Sinopharm)	No additional vaccines required. No further action required.
	Non-WHO approved vaccine*	New series (2 doses) of a Health Canada approved vaccine

*As per NACI recommendations, an interval of at least 28 days after the administration of any other vaccine should be taken before administering the Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine. This will help to prevent erroneous attribution of an AEFI to a particular vaccine.