

Proof of Vaccine Policy Program - Student Compliance

This procedure is governed by its parent policy. Questions regarding this procedure are to be directed to the identified Procedure Administrator.

Category:	A. General
Parent Policy:	A48 Proof of Vaccine (POV) Policy Program
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Effective Date:	November 24, 2021
Procedure Owner:	AVP Students & Registrar

Overview:	<p>On September 20, 2021 Olds College implemented a Proof of Vaccine Policy Program in order to uphold the integrity of our learning environment by continuing to offer access to hands-on, in-person learning in a safe environment for our staff and students.</p> <p>This procedure shall be in effect as long as the Proof of Vaccine (POV) Policy Program is in place to support campus operations relating to the program and to provide transparency to staff and students.</p> <p>The College’s Emergency Operations Team is authorized to make changes to this procedure as necessary and to ensure alignment with the Covid related information at www.oldscollege.ca/COVID-19.</p>
Procedures:	<p>To demonstrate compliance with the POV program, Olds College students enrolled in on campus classes are required to either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● provide proof of vaccination, ● provide documentation of a medical exemption (PCR or rapid tests are required), or ● provide proof of a privately-paid negative PCR or rapid test (twice weekly as noted below). <p>At any time, students may be requested to produce proof of compliance and valid Identification.</p> <p>Submission of Proof of Vaccine Policy Program Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student documentation including proof of vaccination, documentation of medical exemption or negative test results are submitted through the Olds College Alert App. ● Only Provincial / Territorial QR Codes are accepted as proof of vaccination.

- As of Winter 2022 term, students who are not fully immunized are required to submit negative privately-paid PCR or rapid test results by the noon deadline every Monday and Thursday (tests results are valid if within 24 hours of the deadline). Rapid test submissions outside of these deadlines are not accepted.
- Students are responsible for submitting documentation in a timely manner to remain compliant.
- All submitted documents are reviewed and a notice of receipt will be provided via email.

Students enrolled in Online or Off-Campus courses

- Students without on-campus requirements may wish to attend Olds College (e.g., access library, meet with faculty or staff, student services).
- In these cases students are required to demonstrate compliance with the POV program by submitting proof of vaccination or rapid test. This is submitted through the Olds College Alert App.

Fraudulent Documentation

- Suspected fraudulent documentation will be investigated.
- Submission of fraudulent documents will be subject to sanctions consistent with the Student Code of Conduct and may include but is not limited to fines, conduct probation, deregistration, suspension and/or eviction from campus housing.

Non-compliance Outcomes

- Students who are out of compliance are ineligible to access campus and the following outcomes will occur:
- Access to the College's learning management system, will be disabled;
- Non-compliance is also addressed via the Student Code of Conduct and can result in:
 - Removal from class and inability to participate in class activities
 - De-registration (final grades will be calculated according to marks received to date and may result in an F)
 - Eviction from residence
 - Loss of privileges (e.g., Athletics participation, field trips)
 - Fines
 - Forfeiture of student awards

Refunds

- Tuition and Fee Refunds will be consistent with Policy B12
- Housing and Meal Plan Refunds will be issued according to relevant student housing agreements

Rapid Testing

- We accept third-party validated results that include name, time, date and result (for example a test result from a local pharmacy)
- As stated on the Government of Alberta's website, tests must be privately-paid, Health Canada approved rapid antigen, rapid PCR or lab-based PCR tests.

- Valid test results should be a written or printed copy that clearly outlines the type of test, time of sample collection, clear indication of a negative result, and laboratory/pharmacy that conducted the test.
- Photos of a self-administered rapid test result is not sufficient.
- At-home testing kits can be brought to the Health and Wellness Centre. The at-home test must be unopened and administered in front of a health and wellness team member. Walk in appointments are available on a first come first serve basis. This service will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice.
- Do not bring completed self-tests or rapid tests to businesses due to communicable disease risk.
- Tests must not be from Alberta Health Services or Alberta Precision Laboratories.

Covid-19 Positive and Rapid Test Exemption

Individuals who have tested positive for Covid-19 may not be able to produce a negative test result for up to 90 days after recovery. To demonstrate compliance with the Government of Alberta’s Proof of Vaccine Policy Program, a signed declaration and proof of positive Covid-19 diagnosis is required (the appropriate form is available at the Student Health and Wellness). An approval can exempt individuals from rapid test requirements for a period of up to 30 days. A rapid test is required at the end of the 30 days:

- An individual with a positive rapid test result may apply for extension
- An individual with a negative rapid test result will no longer have a rapid test exemption

Protection of Privacy - Personal information provided is collected in accordance with Section 33(c) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the FOIP Act) and will be protected under Part 2 of that Act. It will be used for the purpose of compliance with Government of Alberta Public Health Orders and the College’s Proof of Vaccine Program.

Should you require further information about collection, use and disclosure of personal information, please contact Heather Steckly, Chief of Staff / FOIP Coordinator by email at hsteckly@oldscollege.ca or by telephone at 403-556-8300.

Definitions:

Related Information:

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