

Toronto Art Therapy Institute  
COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

## 1. Vaccination Policy

Starting September 7, 2021 all employees, staff, contractors, volunteers, and students (herein referred to as “**Required Individuals**”) who attend our physical premises must provide:

a) proof of full vaccination against COVID-19. For the purposes of this document, “fully vaccinated” means having received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine or combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by WHO (e.g., two doses of a two-dose vaccine series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine series); and having received the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.;

or

b) written proof of a medical reason, provided by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class that sets out: (i) a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and (ii) the effective time-period for the medical reason;

Where a Required Individual does not provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in accordance with paragraph 1(a), but instead relies upon the medical reason described at paragraph 1(b) the Required Individual shall:

a) submit to regular antigen point of care testing for COVID-19 and demonstrate a negative result once every seven days.

b) provide verification of the negative test result in a manner determined by TATI that enables TATI to confirm the result at its discretion.

Ontario Health at <https://www.ontariohealth.ca/> provides extensive information about vaccination in Ontario.

## 2. How to Provide Proof of Vaccination Status:

TATI requires all employees, staff, contractors, volunteers, and students who attend campus to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19.

For those who were vaccinated in Ontario, they were provided the physical (hard copy) and email version of the receipt from the Ministry of Health with the individual’s name, date of vaccination and product name. Proof of vaccination must be emailed to [torontoarttherapy@bellnet.ca](mailto:torontoarttherapy@bellnet.ca) at least three days prior to attending our premises.

## 3. Information About COVID-19 Vaccination

All Required Individuals need to be informed about COVID-19 vaccinations and about the following points specifically:

i. how COVID-19 vaccines work;

ii. vaccine safety related to the development of the COVID-19 vaccines;

iii. the benefits of vaccination against COVID-19;

iv. risks of not being vaccinated against COVID-19; and

v. possible side effects of COVID-19 vaccination.

Ontario Public Health has an informative educational document at:

[https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19\\_about\\_vaccines.pdf](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_about_vaccines.pdf). All Required Individuals should read this document.

#### 4. Continuity of Education Plan

Should a Required Individual who has been in the TATI premises inform us that they have tested positive for COVID-19, all in-person classes will be cancelled and revert to on-line classes. All Required Individuals will be contacted and advised to test for COVID-19 at their nearest hospital. On-site classes will not be able to resume until all students have been tested and found clear of COVID-19. If some students have COVID-19 they may miss some classes and instructors will do their best to advise these students as to how they can catch up with the portions they have missed.

Should a Required Individual display symptoms of COVID-19 in the TATI premises they will be asked to leave and the building will be evacuated of other Required Individuals. All evacuated Required Individuals will be instructed to get tested for COVID-19 and instructed not to return to the TATI premises until otherwise notified.

#### 5. Emergency Contact

In the event that a Required Individual were to learn that they have COVID-19 they should advise the Executive Director as soon as possible by calling Helene Burt at 416-770-6221 or emailing [torontoarttherapy@bellnet.ca](mailto:torontoarttherapy@bellnet.ca). All other Required Individuals can contact the Executive Director at the same contact information for directions as to how to maintain classes during an outbreak.

#### 6. Resources

##### Public Mental Health or Addiction Programs

One ministry-funded resource that students may find beneficial is *Good2Talk / Allo j'écoute*, a health helpline that has been supporting students since 2013. The helpline offers immediate professional counselling to all students through several platforms that are accessible 24/7 year-round, toll-free, in both French and English. Good2Talk can be reached by telephone (1-866-925-5454), text (GOOD2TALKON to 686868), or Facebook Messenger through live chat. Their website is at: <https://good2talk.ca>.

For help connecting with the right public mental health and addictions program or support across Ontario, contact ConnexOntario, available 24/7 at 1-866-531-2600 (toll free).

*TATI reserves the right to make changes to this policy should events or Ontario Public Health necessitate this.*