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Dear Brescia community,

COVID-19 and the increased cases of the Delta variant continue to be a concern. We know that high rates of vaccination prove to keep our communities safe. Today, you may have received communication from Western outlining our shared action plan to support increased vaccination rates.

Brescia will be adopting Western's policy on vaccinations and will align all practices with our partners at Western and the affiliates. For frequently asked questions, we encourage to visit the [Brescia COVID-19 website](#) where you can find a helpful "Vaccination FAQ" link.

The vaccination policy will take effect September 7th and will apply to all members of our community – students, employees and visitors. What this means is that proof of vaccination is required for anyone planning to be on campus this fall. Any option for testing in lieu of vaccination is now only available to persons with a medical or Ontario Human Rights Code exemption. Everyone attending campus *must provide proof of vaccination* or have an exemption, and those with an exemption must be tested twice weekly.

In the coming days we will share details on how you can provide proof of vaccination. Those who are not fully vaccinated will have until October 12th to submit proof of vaccination and must be tested for COVID-19 twice weekly in the interim.

[Western's vaccination and testing centre](#) is open to Brescia students, staff and faculty and I urge everyone in our community to be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep our community safe and well.

Yours truly,
Lauretta Frederking, Ph.D.
President