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To the Brescia community,

Today, Western made an announcement related to plans for the 2021-2022 academic year. This update includes new developments related to vaccination requirements for students living in residence.

Our community knows that throughout the pandemic we have been making decisions to support the health, safety and well-being of our community. Brescia took swift action last December to limit the number of people on campus, and has remained largely virtual this year in order to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

At Brescia, we have a strong track record of keeping our students in residence safe. To continue prioritizing the safety of our community, beginning this fall, Brescia will require **students living in Clare Hall to have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine**. Brescia will continue to work closely with our partners at Western and the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) and follow local and provincial public health guidelines.

Please note:

- students will be required to present proof of at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, *prior to move-in* (late August or September 2021)
- students who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code may request an accommodation
- additional information about accommodation will be shared in the coming weeks
- students who cannot access a vaccine prior to arrival will have 14 days following their move-in date to get vaccinated on campus

All students who have already applied to live in Clare Hall will receive details around vaccination requirements as plans surrounding Brescia's process are finalized. For students who have not yet completed their application, the Clare Hall [residence application remains open](#).

Fall planning continues as per our [announcement on April 23rd, 2021](#). Brescia will continue to provide timely updates to both new and returning residents, their families, as well as our campus community as plans are solidified.

Reassuring news of a strong vaccine rollout in the London area and across the province point to the strength in our plans for a return to primarily in-person learning this fall. I will continue to keep our community informed as we revitalize campus for a successful 2021-2022 academic year.

Sincerely,
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