

**To:** Interior Health Research Stakeholders

**From:** Dr. Deanne Taylor, Corporate Director, Research, Interior Health

**Date:** November 22, 2021

**RE: Student, Faculty, and Research COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements**

The Public Health Order [covid-19-hospital-and-community-vaccination-status-information-preventive-measures](#) came into effect on October 26, 2021. This order requires all students, faculty members, researchers, staff and contractors to show proof of vaccination when working in care locations for training or research purposes. A care location includes inside and outside places in which health care or services are provided.

All students, faculty, researchers, staff and contractors who do not have an exemption were required to receive Dose 1 and 2 by November 15, 2021, unless Dose 1 was received between October 12 and 25, 2021. If Dose 1 was received between Oct 12, 2021 and October 25, 2021, Dose 2 must be received within 25-35 days of Dose 1. Students, faculty, researchers, staff and contractors must also wear a mask and wait until 7 days have passed after receiving the second dose of vaccine before entry into a care location.

It is the responsibility of the Primary Investigator to ensure that everyone on the Research team is informed about the order and their responsibilities.

For those not yet vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to obtain this at your earliest possible opportunity.

For information or support, please contact [research@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:research@interiorhealth.ca).