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Encouraging mandatory proof-of-vaccination policies for adults in schools

**To: Board Chairs of Public, Separate, Francophone and Charter School Authorities
Independent school authorities
Private ECS operators**

Today, Alberta's government announced new measures to further protect students, staff and communities—strengthening what is already in place as we face the challenges of this fourth wave of COVID-19.

It's also clear that the best way to look after each other and to stop the spread of COVID-19 is for every eligible Albertan to get vaccinated. That's why today's announcement included a renewed call to all school authorities as employers, and operators of school facilities, to develop policies that require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for any adult who enters a school. This would include teachers, staff and parents, but would exclude students. A school authority cannot deny their students access to education due to immunization status.

Many employers and facility owners already require their employees to submit proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test. On September 30, the Premier announced a new requirement for the Alberta Public Service to submit proof of vaccination or provide a negative PCR or rapid testing result at their own cost. The Premier also encouraged all public employers, and specifically school authorities, to introduce similar policies.

Today we're reaching out to you directly to ask that you consider this request. Taking the steps necessary to have these measures in place as soon as possible will help all of us look out for our fellow Albertans and protect our province's health care system.

Vaccines are among our best weapons to combat this pandemic, and the best way to protect children is to ensure the adults around them are vaccinated. During this critical time we must do all we can to reinforce that message—and to encourage as many Albertans as possible to get vaccinated.

Thank you for your hard work and continued efforts to keep students and staff safe.

Sincerely,

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