

GREATER ST. ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND ST. ALBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUIRE ALL EMPLOYEES BE FULLY VACCINATED

October 8, 2021 (St. Albert, AB) - On Thursday, September 30, 2021, Premier Jason Kenney strongly encouraged all school divisions to consider the implementation of a vaccine mandate for staff. Following this announcement, Education Minister Adriana LaGrange and Health Minister Jason Copping shared a letter with school boards encouraging mandatory proof of vaccination policies for adults in schools.

Following these announcements and ensuring the safest possible working and learning environment for all staff and students, **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and St. Albert Public Schools will require all employees to be fully vaccinated by December 17, 2021.**

“Our provincial and federal health authorities advise us that COVID-19 vaccines help prevent infection and guard against severe outcomes should one become infected. As such, we believe that this is a very important step to support student and staff safety,” said Superintendent of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, Dr. Clint Moroziuk. “We are very grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with our many partners, especially our ATA, Unifor, and CUPE Locals, respectively, in responding to the pandemic to ensure a safe working environment for all staff.”

Employees from both divisions have until December 17, 2021 to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they require an accommodation pursuant to a protected ground under the Alberta Human Rights Act or participate in a regular, rapid testing program that ensures they are not COVID-19 positive while in contact with students and other employees. Proof of vaccination is not required for students.

“We have always been committed to implementing measures that will help keep our students and staff safe during this pandemic, and vaccines have proven to be an important tool in the fight against COVID-19,” said Superintendent of St. Albert Public Schools, Krimson Sumners. “I would like to thank our ATA Local 73 and CUPE Local 1099 for their support as we develop this plan - we are all working together to protect the students and staff in our care.”

Additional information regarding proof of vaccine will be shared with all staff internally.

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