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Dear Incoming Sheridan College PSW student,

We are excited that you have chosen the Sheridan College PSW program for Spring Summer 2024 and we look forward to meeting you!

The Faculty of Applied Health and Community Studies continues to prioritize our students' learning, health, safety, and wellbeing and is committed to transparently sharing the most up-to-date information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. **This letter includes important information about COVID vaccination requirements.**

In the PSW program, our students participate in clinical placements in Long-Term Care homes and the community. The Long-Term Care Home COVID-19 Immunization Policy recently changed and, for most of our placement partner sites, students no longer require proof of COVID vaccination.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministers-directive-long-term-care-home-covid-19-immunization-policy>

However, since some of our partners still require proof of COVID vaccination we recommend that PSW students get their vaccinations **before the semester starts**. A student without the proper vaccines may not be able to complete their required placement in long-term care and this may impact ability to graduate from the program.

These requirements include one of the following:

- i. the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by [Health Canada](#), or any combination of such vaccines,
- ii. one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or
- iii. three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada,

and a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada if eligible for a third dose.

For up-to-date information regarding Sheridan's response to COVID-19 and for links to public health information, please see Sheridan's [COVID-19](#) webpage. If you have any questions about the COVID vaccination, please contact Gemini Gibson at [gemini.gibson@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:gemini.gibson@sheridancollege.ca).

Sincerely,

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