

# More2gether

Two doses means fewer restrictions

To the campus community,

Over the last number of weeks, both federal and provincial governments have shared encouraging news regarding accelerated timelines for vaccine delivery and distribution, with some jurisdictions going as far to project that most of their citizens could receive two doses of vaccine by the end of the summer. Although the timeline for all jurisdictions to receive two doses remains less certain, **the message shared by public health officials has been clear: the COVID-19 vaccine is our path towards a return to normalcy.**

With this in mind, today StFX University is launching an awareness campaign encouraging all students and employees to get their two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine at first opportunity. The **More2gether** campaign aims to amplify the message that has already been shared by public health officials in Nova Scotia: **the more people in our communities who are vaccinated, the more quickly we can return to normal life with fewer restrictions.** This is especially important as we look forward to the upcoming academic year, recognizing that students, faculty, and teaching staff alike are eager to safely resume many of the immersive community, teaching, and research opportunities put on hold because of COVID-19.

Although taking the COVID-19 vaccine is not mandated for employees and students returning to campus, the university is strongly recommending that all members of the StFX community follow the advice of public health officials and receive two doses of an approved vaccine at the first available opportunity. It is understood that not all our campus community may have access to vaccines, but the university remains committed to working with the province to do everything possible to assist those who arrive to StFX with fewer than two doses. We will keep the campus community updated as we learn more over the summer.

There are a number of ways to learn more and help spread the word about StFX's **More2gether** campaign.

I have attached some graphics that I invite you to download and share:

- Graphic to include in your email signature
- Social media graphics (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)

Please continue to use the **#XOutCovid** hashtags to help reinforce our messages and be watching for updated social media posts. We hope you will share the new iterations we are planning to promote throughout the summer. Finally, please review the frequently asked questions included at the end of this message.

I invite you to join the university on this important campaign, so we can look forward to an academic year where it is possible to do **More2gether**.

Sincerely,

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Andy W. Hakin  
President and Vice-Chancellor  
St. Francis Xavier University



I acknowledge that StFX is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ARE VACCINES MANDATORY FOR StFX STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES?

Looking out for the health and wellbeing of ourselves and our fellow Xaverians has been a critical part of StFX's COVID-19 response. To this point, the university strongly encourages all StFX students and employees to receive two doses of COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with public health recommendations. While vaccines will not be mandatory to come to campus, they represent an important line of defense against the virus and its variant strains. If you have questions about vaccine safety or effectiveness, we encourage you to [consult this information](#) produced by public health officials with the Government of Canada.

### WILL STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE TWO DOSES OF VACCINE BEFORE COMING TO StFX BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY BY THE UNIVERSITY?

We recognize that not all students will have received the vaccine (whether just their second dose or even their first) before coming to StFX, either by choice or by circumstance. Decisions

regarding quarantine requirements and other health and safety protocols for fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and non-vaccinated students coming from outside of Atlantic Canada will be made by Nova Scotia Public Health officials over the coming weeks. StFX will keep students and their families informed as we learn more.

**WILL VACCINES BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS FROM OTHER PROVINCES WHO DON'T RECEIVE EITHER THEIR FIRST OR SECOND DOSE BEFORE COMING TO NOVA SCOTIA?**

Decisions in Nova Scotia about vaccine availability and rollout fall to the provincial government. The government has signaled that they anticipate making the COVID-19 vaccine available to students from other provinces, but discussion on how, when, and where this will happen are still underway. We commit to keeping the StFX community informed as we learn more information from the provincial government. In the meantime, students who can receive both doses of vaccine before coming to StFX are strongly encouraged to do so.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN FOR STUDENTS COMING FROM REGIONS WHERE THE VACCINE IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE, OR WHERE DIFFERENT VACCINES ARE USED THAN IN CANADA?**

StFX recognizes that most regions in Canada enjoy a certain level or privilege regarding vaccine access compared to many countries around the world. To this point, we also recognize that many of our international students will not have had access to the vaccine or may come from a region that uses a different vaccine than the ones currently approved for use in Canada. StFX is waiting to learn more from our national and provincial counterparts and will update international students as soon as key information is received.