

Manual:	Infection Control COVID-19 Pandemic	Reference No.:	
Section:	Vaccines		
Subject:	COVID-19 Immunization Policy		

## POLICY

The goal of the provincial COVID-19 immunization program is to protect residents, staff, and families from COVID-19. Vaccines help reduce the number of new cases, and, most importantly, severe outcomes including hospitalizations and death due to COVID-19. Shalom Village will follow and implement guidance that maximizes vaccination uptake of staff, volunteers, students, and third-party contractors including agency.

### Administration of this Policy

This revised COVID-19 Immunization Policy (the “Policy”) is effective April 28, 2023. Shalom Village will maintain and revise this Policy as required in response to public health guidance and the evolving conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Shalom Village expressly reserves the right to change, modify, or delete portions of this Policy without notice. Please note Shalom Village will no longer be required to ask for proof of an individual’s COVID 19 immunization status.

### Application of this Policy

Regardless of how often they are at the home and how much time they spend there, this Policy applies to all entering Shalom Village including:

- Workers, including employees on payroll or on contract, and anyone employed by a third-party contractor such as agency etc.
- Students on an educational placement at the home
- Volunteers
- LHIN or other provincial health authority services (care/speech/palliative teams)
- Privately hired caregivers (hired by resident and/or family)
- Event entertainers (e.g., magician, band, petting zoo etc.)
- Family/essential caregivers
- General visitors

## GUIDELINES

All individuals, whether they have received a COVID-19 vaccine, must continue to practice the recommended public health measures for the prevention and control of COVID-19 infection and transmission.

Where applicable, a person is **fully immunized** against COVID-19 if:

- They have received the total required number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by Health Canada (e.g., both doses of a two-dose vaccine series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine series); **and**
- They received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.