

September 2, 2021

RE: COVID-19: Immunization Disclosure Policy - School Board Implementation Resource

Dear Colleagues,

As announced on August 17, 2021, the Chief Medical Officer of Health intends to issue instructions for the education sector that require all publicly-funded school boards to have a COVID-19 immunization disclosure policy in place. The Ministry of Education is committed to providing detailed guidance to school boards to assist with implementation, and provided early guidance to the sector on August 20, 2021. Since then, we have worked with school board and education sector partners to surface implementation considerations and enhance our guidance with additional information.

Today the ministry is sharing updated guidance that provides more details to support your implementation efforts, informed by your feedback. Among other things, this guidance document includes more specificity on attestation and data collection requirements and timing, a sample school board disclosure policy template, and frequently asked questions (FAQs)

To ensure school boards receive timely information, the issuance of ministry guidance will be iterative, and will include new information as it emerges. Where there are differences in guidance, the most recent document should be used as the authoritative source.

This document will be updated with further information shortly, on key areas such as rapid antigen testing requirements and the ministry's COVID-19 educational program.

The ministry understands that school boards are working diligently to implement this policy. We appreciate your continued partnership on this important initiative and will continue to work with school boards to finalize implementation details.

Thank you,

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