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As announced on August 17, 2021, the Government of Ontario will implement an immunization disclosure policy (“the policy”) for all publicly-funded school board employees, staff in private schools and licensed child care settings and other individuals regularly in these settings, for the 2021-22 school year. Regular rapid antigen testing requirements will be in place for staff who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Individuals who do not intend to be vaccinated, without a documented medical reason, will be required to participate in an educational session about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination.

The attached guidance document for school boards (*School Board Implementation Resource: Data Collection & Reporting*) and reporting template (Appendix A: *2021-22 COVID-19 Vaccination Attestation Summary*) are intended to provide early guidance to inform implementation planning, and in particular, to support the establishment of any necessary data collection and reporting processes.

The ministry will provide an updated, comprehensive guidance document shortly that will include further information on topics such as: educational sessions and testing requirements.

The ministry is committed to working collaboratively with its school board and education partners and will continue to provide its support to help employers understand the government’s policy intent and requirements, and support implementation planning.

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