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Dear Brescia community,

Today, Western announced that students, faculty and staff accessing campus this fall must provide proof of vaccination, or must complete testing twice a week. Brescia supports this decision and will require our community members to self-disclose their vaccination status prior to visiting campus.

Additional details regarding the process for presenting proof of vaccination and testing requirements, along with information for those requiring accommodation on medical conditions or other grounds protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code will be announced.

The health, safety and well-being of the Brescia community continues to be our number one priority and informs how we make decisions around a safe return to campus. The Middlesex-London region is fortunate to have a high vaccination rate, with Brescia strongly advocating for all members of our community to be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Being vaccinated is one of the most important ways we can protect our campus community. It is for this reason that the [Council of Ontario Universities has called on the Ontario government to implement a mandatory vaccination and validation of vaccination status](#) (or negative test results) on campuses. It is critical that Ontario universities and colleges like Brescia support COU's call to work together and support public health efforts.

For information related to Western's vaccination clinic or community clinics please see the following resources:

- Campus vaccination clinic: <https://www.uwo.ca/coronavirus/vaccine.html>
- Middlesex-London Health Unit clinics: <https://www.healthunit.com/covid-19-vaccine>

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep the Brescia community safe.

Yours truly,  
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President