



Woodstock Hospital to Implement COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

With the delta variant dominating COVID-19 case counts locally and across the province, hospitals and other high-risk settings have been directed to implement vaccination policies as of September 7, 2021.

Woodstock Hospital's vaccination policy will require all staff and physicians to be fully immunized for COVID-19 or undertake mandatory testing prior to each shift to verify negative test results.

“Our priority since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic has been to protect patients, visitors, staff and the broader community,” said Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO. “Provincial modelling shows that we are actively in the fourth wave of the pandemic. Vaccinations are effective and remain the best way to ensure everyone's safety.”

Woodstock Hospital will also require all volunteers, students, new hires and contract workers to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Woodstock Hospital is compliant with and supports provincial direction for Ontario hospitals to implement these measures, which were already taking place in many long-term care settings.

“Evidence around the increasingly prevalent delta variant has revealed that there is a significantly higher rate of transmission, as well as a higher likelihood of more severe illness as result of infection,” said Cindy Smart, Vice-President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer. “We encourage everyone to remain vigilant in following public health protocols including getting vaccinated, to protect our vulnerable demographics and young children.”

More than 81 per cent of Ontario residents over the age of 12 have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. At Woodstock Hospital, approximately 92 per cent of staff and physicians have received a COVID-19 vaccine.

About Woodstock Hospital

Built in November 2011, Woodstock Hospital is a 178 bed, full-service community hospital, providing primary care to a population of 55,000 and specialized care to nearly 110,000 within the County of Oxford. The new facility offers a wide range of health programs including Maternal Child, Women's Health, Specialized Surgical Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services, Dialysis and Rehabilitation Programs, a Systemic Therapy Program and an MRI. Our full service facility works closely with our community partners to provide our patients with healthcare services, close to home.

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