

Good Afternoon,

Further to the announcement this week regarding research participants on Campus (see below), HMRC is implementing the following process:

- HMRC is asking study coordinators to inform study participants of the need to show proof of vaccination when coming to HMRC (showing a photo of the COVID-19 Immunization Record is acceptable).
- If vaccination proof cannot be provided, study teams are required to document an exemption using the template that the UC circulated. In the case of an exemption, study coordinators inform HMRC staff of the exemption prior to the study visit. The completed exemption template does not (and should not) need to be submitted to HMRC.
- On arrival, HMRC staff ask patients to show proof of vaccination. HMRC will not keep records of vaccination proof.
- The exemption option covers both the requirement for vaccination proof and providing a negative rapid test. Therefore, no rapid testing is offered. Note: the University is not providing rapid testing kits for research purposes.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this process.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear colleagues,

Effective immediately, all [visitors to University of Calgary campuses](#) over age 12 are expected to show:

1. Proof of fully vaccinated status (approved by Health Canada) or
2. Proof of negative COVID-19 test: Tests must be paid for by the user, and must be Health Canada approved rapid antigen, rapid PCR or lab-based PCR test completed within the previous 72 hours from attending campus. Tests from AHS or Alberta Precision Laboratories will not be accepted.

Research participants are considered visitors to campus and will be required to adhere to visitor requirements.

However, we recognize there are scenarios in which participants are attending campus only for the purpose of accessing medical services in University of Calgary spaces.

Exemptions to the visitor requirements may be made only in cases that would limit a patient from accessing medical services (e.g. medically indicated visit, treatment or diagnostic test) as part of a clinical trial or study in specified UCalgary spaces:

- University of Calgary Medical Clinics located in area 6 of the Health Sciences Building
- Clinics providing clinical services or clinical research services in the Teaching Research & Wellness (TRW) Building or in the Health Research Innovation Centre (HRIC)

Note that university activities in AHS spaces must also adhere to AHS guidelines, which may differ from UCalgary requirements.

Action required:

- Study teams must ensure their participants are aware of campus requirements for [Visitors to Campus](#).
- PI must document and personally sign off on exemptions, with a written document that specifies the participant's name, the reason for exemption, the date(s) or date range during which the study visits will occur, and the location on campus that the participant will visit. [Download a template](#).
- Register for an [Information Session](#) about checking documentation required for Visitors to Campus.

Please contact [Sabine Mortiz](#) with questions.

Sincerely,
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