

## Vaccination guidance (Update February 28, 2022)

### Researchers

1. All researchers who are U of T members (faculty, post-doctoral fellows, staff or students) must be [fully vaccinated](#) or (with approved exemption) undergo routine rapid antigen testing (RAT) (or PCR test) with a negative result. Researchers who conduct [Level 3 studies](#) or engage with vulnerable participants or populations (including children under 5) must be fully vaccinated if they are to interact directly with human participants, unless they meet #3.
2. U of T researchers who conduct research at a different organization (e.g. hospital, health care centre, school/college/university, government or non-government organization, private company) must adhere to the policies of that organization.
3. Local research partners in jurisdictions where vaccine is not available should follow the directives of their local public health officials. They must be fully vaccinated once a vaccine is available to them.
4. U of T researchers must complete [UCheck](#) whenever coming onto U of T property.
5. U of T researchers must be fully vaccinated **and** undergo RAT with a negative result if conducting research in research participants' homes. RAT testing shall be offered to research participants and caregivers.

### Human Participants

1. Research participants coming onto U of T property must complete [UCheck](#) or paper-based screening form, as available.
2. Research participants coming onto U of T property must comply with [vaccination requirements](#) and be fully vaccinated unless:
  - a. they are not eligible to be fully vaccinated (example: under 5 years old);
  - b. the research is about unvaccinated people (example: research participants are required to be unvaccinated in order to participate in the research); or
  - c. excluding unvaccinated research participants from attending U of T property would compromise the scientific validity of the research.
3. Research participants coming onto U of T property who are not vaccinated for the reasons stated above, must undergo two **rapid antigen tests (RATs)** or a PCR test with a negative result within the previous 24 hours. **Costs for testing must be covered by the PI, not the research participant.**
4. Research in the community, whether in Ontario or outside of the province or country, must adhere to all local public health requirements.

### Research with Unvaccinated Participants

1. U of T researchers who are conducting research with research participants who are not fully vaccinated should consider conducting the research remotely or by virtual methods.
2. If the research cannot be conducted remotely or by virtual methods, in-person research involving unvaccinated research participants should be conducted in such a way that minimizes interaction with individuals engaged in non-research activities on U of T

property. For example, using U of T locations that are low-density generally or during low-density times rather than U of T locations in which there are several classes taking place.