



COLLEGE OF
MOUNT SAINT VINCENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 9, 2021

Dear Mount Community,

Please accept my sincere apologies for the confusion you encountered entering campus today—and for any difficulties you experienced at the time of your arrival. We deeply regret that you were not informed of the security check of vaccination records in advance. I appreciate your understanding and participation moving forward as we continue to implement necessary measures to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Effective immediately, all employees and visitors of the College of Mount Saint Vincent must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination records to enter campus. Beginning October 16, all students will also be required to show COVID-19 vaccination records.

We ask that each member of our community be prepared to show proper documentation upon arrival at the College's main security gate. Approved exemption documentation will also be accepted. Failure to verify your vaccination status will result in the denial of entry to campus.

There are a few ways to show you are vaccinated, all of which will be accepted:

- **Mount ID** (please ensure you have uploaded your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card to [Self-Service](#))
- **CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card** (a photo or photocopy of this card is acceptable)
- **NYC Vaccination Record** or other official immunization record from your healthcare provider (a photo or photocopy of this card is acceptable)
- [NYC Covid Safe](#)
- [Excelsior Pass](#)

In its ongoing effort to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and to align with the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mount Saint Vincent also requires the proper use of masks by all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, when indoors in designated public areas. ***As a part of this mandate, the College's requirement for face coverings in hallways and instructional spaces remains in effect.***

I am grateful that our community continues to be vigilant in adhering to a range of public health guidelines and College guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We will monitor both campus and regional data related to the overall status of public health, and, as promised, will reevaluate the indoor mask mandate as our community passes the 80% vaccination rate set for all students, faculty, staff, and administrators. I am confident we will achieve this, together.

If you have additional questions as we navigate another successful, in-person academic year, I encourage you to visit our [COVID-19 Resources](#) page for more information.

As always, thank you for your unwavering commitment and selflessness. We appreciate your care, support, and daily efforts to keep us safe as we begin this semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan R. Burns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and "B".

Susan R. Burns, Ph.D.

President