

We are pleased to welcome you to Red Deer Polytechnic. Please find below the details about our institution's decision to implement a COVID-19 vaccination program.

The vaccination program will be implemented at all our campuses and learning centres across central Alberta. To inform you of Red Deer Polytechnic's vaccination program, we encourage you to visit our website. On the [vaccination program webpage](#), we've housed a variety of information.

If you are a registered student in a non-credit program, course, exam, or special event through Extended Education, or will be a guest on campus for any Extended Education activity, please see the details below for the specific requirements.

You may wonder if the vaccination program applies to you:

- If you are attending classes, attending events or accessing services on our campuses you are required to be fully vaccinated or provide proof of a negative rapid test, and also complete the brief questionnaire on the Red Deer Polytechnic SAFE app – Visitor Button (see instructions for how to download the app below) before arriving on campus.
- If you are fully online, you can study from home. However, if you are required to attend our campuses or learning centres for any portion of your studies, or require support services, when you attend our campuses in-person you will be required to complete the brief questionnaire on the SAFE app – Visitor Button, show proof of vaccination or provide a negative rapid test result (completed within 72 hours of each time you attend our campuses).
- If you are fully online but will take part in an in-person practicum (that is located off Red Deer Polytechnic's campuses or learning centres) you are required to meet the Red Deer Polytechnic vaccination requirements prior to commencing your assigned practicum placement. If you take part in an in-person practicum on a Red Deer Polytechnic campus, you will be required to complete the brief questionnaire on the SAFE app – Visitor Button, show proof of vaccination or provide a negative rapid test result (completed within 72 hours of each time you attend our campuses).
- For Winter 2022 Term (effective January 1, 2022), all Red Deer Polytechnic students, employees, and contractors attending our campuses, learning centres or practicum agencies in-person, or for any activity on campuses will be required to be fully vaccinated.

Instructions to Download the Red Deer Polytechnic SAFE app:

The Red Deer Polytechnic SAFE app is available for free.

- To download on an Apple device, type SAFE RDC in the app store
- To download on all other devices, type in SAFERDC

**Please note that the Visitor button in the SAFE app will be visible beginning October 18.

Important Dates:

October 18 – December 31, 2021: Ensure you have your government issued ID, vaccination record or proof of a negative rapid test available at all times when you come to campus.

October 18 – 22, 2021: A rapid testing clinic will be available at Red Deer Polytechnic in the Cenovus Learning Common. See details [here](#).

October 25 & 28, 2021: A rapid testing clinic will be available at Red Deer Polytechnic in the Cenovus Learning Common. See details [here](#).

Red Deer Polytechnic is implementing the vaccination program as another measure to help keep everyone in our campus community as healthy and safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is in alignment with the Government of Alberta's public health measures, as well as other post-secondary institutions and organizations in Alberta that are also implementing COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

You can learn more about COVID-19 vaccines on the [FAQ section](#) of the Alberta Health Services website. You may [book an appointment](#) online to receive your COVID-19 vaccinations, if you haven't already done so.

Please remember that as a student or visitor of Red Deer Polytechnic, in addition to the learning centres and resources you currently access, we are always pleased to welcome you to any of our learning spaces and services located at our campuses in Red Deer, or you may connect with us online.

If you have any questions about Red Deer Polytechnic's vaccination program, please email studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca