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TO: The UWI Community

FROM: **CAMPUS REGISTRAR**

DATE: August 26, 2021

RE: **COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Residing in Halls of Residence**

This is to advise that in order to maintain a safe living environment for our staff and students, persons wishing to reside in a hall of residence, including 138 Student Living facilities on the Mona Campus, must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Evidence of vaccination, with any of the approved vaccines, must be provided to the relevant Student Services & Development Manager in order to secure accommodation in the halls of residence.

Persons currently residing in halls who have not received, at minimum, their first vaccination shot, where applicable, are required to do so by Friday, September 3, 2021, in order to remain in the facility. Please note that vaccinations are being done daily at the Mona Ageing and Wellness Centre which is located on the Mona Campus, that is within walking distance from almost all halls of residence. All that is required for vaccination, is a valid Government issued identification.

Persons who have received their first vaccination shot and are awaiting their second shot will be allowed to remain on hall. We however strongly urge such persons to make the necessary arrangements to receive their second shot at the earliest opportunity to do so.

Students who are hesitant of taking the vaccine will not be permitted to reside in a hall of residence, however the Office of Students Services & Development (OSSD) will try to assist such students in identifying alternate accommodation off-campus. In such instances, the student will be reimbursed for the unused portion of their residence fees that had already been paid. Students who are unable to take the vaccine for religious or health-related reasons are asked to submit documentation from their religious body or doctor confirming this to the Director OSSD, so that their situation could be considered on a case-by-case basis.

We encourage all members of our community to get vaccinated as we play our part in protecting our communities.

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