



### Vaccination Order - Information from the Ministry of Education

Under this Order everyone who works for a school, who may have contact with children or students, or will be present at a time when children or students are present, **must have had a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by the 15th of November and be fully Vaccinated by 1 January 2022.**

This includes teachers, principals, relief teachers, casual staff, administrative staff, cleaners, contractors and other trades people, caregivers and other staff. It also includes unpaid workers, such as volunteers and any members of the community who are regularly on site during a time when children and staff maybe present.

The vaccination order requirements apply whenever in person schooling occurs, such as on the school site but also at school camps, swimming pools, museums or when other Education Outside the Classroom programmes take place.

Below is a table outlining service roles (volunteers) and an explanation on whether there is a requirement to be vaccinated or not. This information comes directly from the Ministry of Education.

Type of role	Are they required to be vaccinated under the Public Health Order?
Teachers, teacher aides, principals, administration staff, caretakers, cooks	<b>Yes.</b> These staff are required to be vaccinated as they may have contact with children or students and/or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.
School board members	<p>The board member is required to be vaccinated if they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.</p> <p>Otherwise, they are not required to be vaccinated.</p> <p>The board may want to consider a working arrangement that enables an unvaccinated board member to conduct business online and/or at a time that students will not be present (such as evening board meetings).</p>

Ministry-funded school transport drivers	<b>Yes.</b> Drivers of Ministry-funded school services are required to be vaccinated. This is because these people are carrying out work for an education service and they will have contact with children or students.
Parents, caregivers or volunteers at an education outside the classroom (EOTC), this includes; camps, school sports teams.	<b>Yes.</b> These people are required to be vaccinated because these people are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school and they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.
Parents/caregivers dropping off, picking up, or settling children at a school	<b>No.</b> As the Order only applies to workers and volunteers, not people who are visiting the school.
Parents, caregivers and members of the community who are volunteers at the school.	<b>Yes.</b> These people onsite are required to be vaccinated as they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present. If the volunteer is working offsite and will not have any contact with children or students as part of their role, then they are not required to be vaccinated.
Parents or caregivers attending meetings or events on site (for example, parent-teacher interviews)	<b>No.</b> As the Order only applies to workers and volunteers, not people who are visiting the school.
General public using school facilities after hours (for example, playground, school pool)	<b>No.</b> The requirement to be vaccinated only applies to workers and volunteers.

Please note that this has come directly from the Ministry of Education. If you are a current volunteer and are required to be vaccinated, your vaccination status can be emailed to the following address, all information will be held in line with the Privacy Act 2020.

[vaccinecert@stthomaswinton.school.nz](mailto:vaccinecert@stthomaswinton.school.nz)

If you are required to be vaccinated to fulfill your volunteer role and are not intending to have your first vaccination by 15th November, unfortunately this order means that you are unable to continue in that volunteer role effective from 16 November. We sincerely thank you for your service.

We, the St Thomas Aquinas Board of Trustees have sent this information out to ensure that we continue to operate in an open and transparent manner. It is important to understand that the School does not have any discretion over whether to apply the Vaccine Order.