

TOWN TO REQUIRE STAFF TO PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION

The Town of Halton Hills will require its employees to have proof of COVID-19 vaccination beginning Oct. 11.

Town employees will need proof of having received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Unvaccinated staff, regardless of the reason, will have to submit a negative COVID-19 test result before entering the workplace. They will also have to participate in a vaccination

education session unless they have been granted an exemption.

"We want to ensure that we are doing everything we can to support a healthy and safe workplace for staff and visitors to our facilities," said acting Town CAO Chris Mills. "As a municipality, we have a responsibility to lead by example and this direction is supported by town council and our entire senior management



Graham Paine/Metroland

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The policy applies to all Town of Halton Hills staff, student placements, volunteers, contractors and individuals employed by a temporary agency, but performing work at the di-

rection of the town.

Earlier this month, Halton Region instituted COVID-19 rules that require any workplace with 100 or more staff on site to have a workplace vaccination policy and safety plan.

TIKTOK VIDEOS SHOW STUDENTS VANDALIZING SCHOOLS

The Halton District School Board is asking families to reinforce technology use with their children after students posted social media videos of vandalizing schools.

The revelation was released in a notification to families Friday (Oct. 1) titled "Irresponsible Social Media Challenge" as the board asked for support in "reinforcing some important messages with your children about using technology responsibly and adhering to the HDSB Code of Conduct."

It had come to the board's attention that a

challenge called "Slap a Teacher" is trending on the social media platform TikTok, the board said.

While this has not occurred at any HDSB schools to date, a previous challenge on the platform in September involved students recording themselves vandalizing school washrooms, which did occur at some HDSB schools, the board added. The board is encouraging families to visit the HDSB's Technology & You webpage, which provides information and resources for students and families on how to use technology responsibly.

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