

WHISTLER ADVENTURE SCHOOL

COVID-19 Vaccine Policy

Whistler Adventure School strives to ensure a high-quality academic and student experience while safeguarding the health and wellness of our community members. Per the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) health order, many businesses, services, and events require the BC Vaccine Card to enter their premises. WAS programs utilize public spaces requiring the BC Vaccine Card and, as such, students must comply with the VCH health order.

In addition to the VCH health order, WAS is following the COVID-19 Go-Forward Guidelines for B.C.'s Post-Secondary Sector and the COVID-19 Return to Campus Primer provided by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Training, is in consultation with local public health officials, and is engaging in dialogue with the Whistler community. As a result, WAS must adhere to the rules put forth and will require all students to present a BC Vaccine Card or equivalent or proof of medical exemption to WAS Admin by the dates outlined below in order to continue their studies under the public health order.

WAS understands that flexibility and adaptability will continue to be important for WAS students. WAS will be responsive to the needs of those students who may face barriers to vaccination and we will continue to adapt our planning to align with the evolving COVID-19 public health information and directions.

For students from outside of BC and without BC identification, please see the following link to find out how to access your proof of vaccination:

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/vaccines/life-a fter-vaccination/vaccine-proof.html

ACTION REQUIRED

As of **November 1, 2021:** Current Bike Guide Training students taking Wilderness First Responder must complete the necessary paperwork for the BC Vaccine Card or equivalent. BGT students must provide a copy of their BC Vaccine Card or equivalent to WAS admin.

As of **November 15, 2021**: All WAS Ski & Snowboard Guide Training, Adventure Tourism Winter students and Adventure Tourism Summer students must complete the necessary paperwork for the BC Vaccine Card or equivalent. SSGT and ATW/ATS students must provide a copy of their BC Vaccine Card to WAS admin.

As of **January 1, 2022:** All WAS students must complete the necessary paperwork for the BC Vaccine Card or equivalent and a copy of their BC Vaccine Card to WAS admin.

FOR INQUIRING STUDENTS

International students currently located outside of Canada: please consult your health provider before leaving your home country in order to obtain your immunization records and format them into the <u>acceptable format for the BC Government</u> (ie. ArriveCan app). Your immunization record must be translated into English or French.

For more information on obtaining your BC Vaccine Card, please go here: <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof</u>

• please make sure you have your official immunization record in a digital format, such as a scanned copy or photo. The record must contain student name and student date of birth

Canadian students currently located outside of British Columbia: Please also access the following website for directions on how to obtain acceptable proof of vaccination within BC: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/vaccines/life-a fter-vaccination/vaccine-proof.html

For further information, please contact the Whistler Adventure School Senior Education Administrator at admin@whistleradventureschool.com