

## **City of Welland suspends Vaccine Status Policy**

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**Welland, ON** – Effective immediately, the City of Welland's Vaccine Status Policy is suspended. On Tuesday, November 16, the City of Welland Council voted to suspend the policy that has been in effect since October 2021.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the City of Welland, through its Emergency Control Group, has maintained an ongoing commitment to implement necessary public health measures and take preventative action to protect the health and safety of our employees and the city's residents who visit our facilities.

"We continue to encourage following all public health recommendations and guidelines to keep our staff and visitors safe," said Andrea Daisley, Human Resources Manager. "The policy is only suspended at this time and remains a tool we can use if the requirement to do so arises."

The City continues to have an obligation to take all necessary and reasonable precautions to protect our employees, as outlined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act, and to create a safe working environment.

Therefore, the City is prepared to implement and recommend control measures, including the Vaccine Status Policy, be reimplemented should there be a rise in COVID-19 cases or a staff outbreak.

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