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MEMORANDUM TO: Toronto Region Academic Institutions and Learners
SUBJECT: Reminder to learners in clinical

The Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN) and the Toronto Hospital Education Table prioritize creating learner opportunities while ensuring that placements of clinical learners are safe for the academic and healthcare institutions and the patients under the care of the healthcare institutions.

This is a reminder for all learners to continue following the institutional guidelines around masking, physical distancing, and all COVID-19 related measures at their clinical placement site. The policies and procedures for managing COVID-19 related illness and exposures are applied in the same way for learners across TAHSN's healthcare institutions as they are for staff. Whether or not those with high-risk exposures or those who contract COVID-19 may return to the clinical environment depends on a risk assessment for that individual person.

All learners at this time must be fully vaccinated (at minimum 2 doses) to be placed. In addition, to protect you, the patients you care for, and the healthcare team you will be working with, we continue to strongly encourage all learners to receive the COVID-19 booster vaccine (the third dose). **Receiving the third dose not only ensures your protection to a greater degree, it will also keep more clinical placement options open to you in the event that TAHSN hospitals change their vaccine mandates.**

We appreciate your diligence during this time and for contributing to a safe environment for patients, learners and staff across the Toronto Region.

Sincerely,

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