

November 28, 2021

Students, Staff, Faculty, and Concerned Parents;

We at Concerned Students of Ontario are actively seeking the end of Ontario's Ministry of Colleges and Universities' vaccination mandate and the related policies put forth by our post-secondary institutions. To achieve this end, together, we must hold ourselves to strong principles and convictions in our fight for what is right. We want to ensure that everyone understands our collective philosophy so that we can work together efficiently, effectively, and persistently. This philosophy stands true for all our members, but never limits those who may have strayed from this philosophy in the past. We hope everyone, including students, staff, faculty, and their supportive families will uphold this philosophy in our fight ahead.

### **Concerned Students of Ontario Statement of Philosophy**

We understand the acceptance of accommodations or exemptions is an abandonment of what we are fighting for. This fight is bigger than our personal situations, and there is no escaping the long-term consequences of short-term thinking against the issues we seek to solve.

The acceptance of accommodations, exemptions, testing, educational videos, face coverings, academic accommodations, etc., indicates that we accept the premise of being second-class citizens. We must all remember, we do not need permission or special treatment to exist and partake in society.

Furthermore, accommodations mean that we accept the premise that we are ill and do not know, nor understand, our own bodies and minds. Contrary to what our governments, medical professionals, businesses, schools, and even our complicit neighbours would have us believe, we do know our own bodies better than anyone else. We must not leave what happens to us in their hands.

Sincerely,  
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Bethany Brown, Student Leader;  
the CSONT Administrative Team

Our Future. Our Responsibility.