

Proof of Vaccination Policy for Recreation Facilities

(Reopening Ontario Act, 2020)

Our Policy

The introduction of a vaccine certificate policy is an important step to encourage eligible individuals in Ontario to get vaccinated and give people the tools to limit further spread of the virus, so that we can keep the province open and operational.

- ❖ All patrons wishing to enter the City of Cornwall Recreation Facilities, including the Benson Centre, Aquatic Centre and Civic Complex will have to show proof identification and proof of full vaccination as of September 22nd, 2021, before entry will be granted. This policy is in place for anyone 12 years of age or older (see Table 1 on Page 6 for more details). The following is an **exception** to this policy:
 - Patrons between the age of 12 and 17 who are entering the facility to participate in an organized sport, including training, practices, games, and competitions. These would include the participation in sports leagues, organized pick-up sports and dance classes, martial arts, and swimming classes.
- ❖ The exemption listed above **does not** apply to patrons between the age of 12 and 17 who are spectators at sporting events. These individuals will be required to provide proof of identification and proof of full vaccination.
- ❖ Proof of full vaccination and proof of identification **is required** for ANY patrons 18 years and older, including parents or guardians of youth actively participating in organized sport.
- ❖ Workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials are **not required** to provide proof of identification and proof of full vaccination if actively involved in organized sport, practice, or competition.

All other public health measures (e.g., masking, and physical distancing) continue to apply to patrons.

Definition

- ❖ An individual is considered fully vaccinated if they have received:
 - The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines (e.g., Pfizer/Pfizer, Moderna/Moderna, Pfizer/Moderna, Moderna/Pfizer),
 - The final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is received at least **14 days** before providing proof of full vaccination upon entry to the Benson Centre.

Facts

General

- ❖ The following recreational areas require proof of identification and proof of full vaccination
 - Indoor areas of meeting and event spaces (with limited exceptions),
 - Indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including waterparks, and personal physical fitness training (with limited exceptions). This includes gyms, fitness/sporting/recreational facilities, pools, leagues, sporting events, waterparks, and indoor areas of facilities where spectators watch events,
 - Indoor areas of concert venues, theatres, and cinemas.
- ❖ An Indian Status Card or an Indigenous Membership Card with the name and date of birth are appropriate documentation to provide proof of identity.
- ❖ The Bandshell is considered an indoor area and as such, any patron entering the Bandshell is required to provide proof of identification and proof of full vaccination.
- ❖ As per O. Reg. 364/20, a business or an organization shall not retain any information provided by a patron as it relates to proof of full vaccination. This requirement will help ensure the protection of an individual's health information.
- ❖ Patrons who book and pay online will not be required provide proof of identification and proof of full vaccination at point of sale. They will be asked to provide proof of identification and proof of full vaccination upon arrival to facility and will be turned away if the patron fails to meet this requirement. A full refund will be given.
- ❖ A patron seeking access to the facility must provide a receipt that shows that they are fully vaccinated.
 - Between September 22nd and October 22nd, in addition to proof of identity, a patron must show a paper or digital version of the PDF receipt.
 - After October 22nd, in addition to proof of identity, a patron must present a paper or digital version of the PDF receipt or a paper or digital version of the enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code to gain access to the facility.
 - Altering the appearance of the receipt you receive as proof of full vaccination in any way is not permitted and could render the receipt invalid.
- ❖ Proof of full vaccination from outside of Ontario will be accepted if the person's name and date of birth on their identification document matches the vaccination receipt with name and date of birth and if the person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as specified by O. Reg. 364/20. Individuals visiting from outside the province, or the country will be required to show their full vaccination status and identification to enter the facility. This may require showing more pieces of information.

Medical Exemptions:

- ❖ Out of province or out of country medical documentation will be honoured if the individual's name, the physician's name, and physician's contact information are provided. The note must clearly state that there is a medical reason for the individual not to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time-period for the medical reason.
- ❖ Individuals with medical exemptions will not be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test.
- ❖ To review proof of a documented medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19, the facility staff will ensure:

- The name of the person in the written documentation matches the identification provided.
- The physician or registered nurses in the extended class's information is complete by including:
 - Name and contact information of the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
 - Logo or letterhead identifying the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
 - Statement that there is a medical reason for the individual's exemption from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
 - Any effective time-period for the medical reason which includes the date the patron is seeking access to the facility.

Proof of Identity:

- ❖ All individuals aged 12 and older must provide proof of identification. The identification requirements are flexible, and identification is required to confirm only name of the person and date of birth – government identification can be used for this purpose; however, is not the only type of ID accepted. Proof of identity can be established using documentation issued by an institution or public body, provided it includes the name of the holder and date of birth. Identification that young people may have access to that include name and date of birth could include birth certificate, or a passport, among other forms of ID.
- ❖ However, there is an exemption from this requirement if the patron is under 18 years of age and is entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport.

Meeting and Event Spaces and Multi-Purpose Organizations:

- ❖ Patrons may provide proof of a negative COVID-19 antigen test to attend a social gathering associated with a wedding service, rite or ceremony or a social gathering associated with a funeral service, rite or ceremony in a meeting or event space between September 22 and October 12, 2021 (inclusive).
- ❖ The negative COVID-19 antigen test, regardless of where it is conducted, cannot be longer than 48 hours before the scheduled event.
- ❖ The facility is required to verify proof of identification, proof of full vaccination against COVID-19, or confirm the patron is exempt.
- ❖ The facility may delegate this responsibility to a staff person, but the facility remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements under ROA.
- ❖ The following are exemptions if the meeting or event space is being rented out:
 - For a day camp or overnight camp for children;
 - To a provider of childcare within the meaning of the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*;
 - For the purpose of the provision of social services.
 - For the purpose of delivering or supporting the delivery of court services;
 - For operations on behalf of a government; or
 - For the purpose of delivering or supporting the delivery of government services.

Compliance and Enforcement

- ❖ Specified businesses or organizations that are open must require patrons who enter their premises to provide, at the point of entry, proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated (or being entitled to an exemption) as set out in the rules for Step 3 in *O. Reg. 364/20 (Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step)* under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, subject to exemptions.
- ❖ These businesses and organizations are expected to deny entry to those who fail to produce the required identification and proof of vaccination (or exemption).
- ❖ Where the business or organization considers it appropriate, they could seek assistance from law enforcement by contacting their local police department.
- ❖ All Provincial offences officers, including by-law, police, public health inspectors and regulatory officers from several ministries and agencies may provide education and enforcement of all the requirements under the ROA, including the new proof of vaccination requirement.
- ❖ If situations escalate, law enforcement, such as local police, can be contacted. In an emergency call 9-1-1.

Table 1: Requirements for Patrons in Indoor Sport and Recreational Fitness Facilities

Setting	Activity	Proof of Vaccination
Indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities	Youth under 18 years of age actively participating in an organized sport, including training, practices, games, and competitions. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sports leagues • organized pick-up sports • dance classes • martial arts • swimming classes 	Not required
	Youth under 18 years of age using a gym or other area with exercise equipment or weights	Required*
	Youth spectating, including at sporting events	Required*
	Adult (18+) patrons accessing the facility for any purpose, including parents or guardians of youth participating in an organized sport	Required*

*unless patron qualifies for an exemption