

**NORWEST ARENA PROTOCOL
AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**



*Ontario Regulation 645/21 issued on Sept. 14, 2021 deals with the provincial proof of vaccination system.
The following protocol is based on that Regulation plus other guidance provided by Ontario.*

1. Proof of vaccination applies to patrons. Patrons includes participants and spectators. Parents and guardians of participants under 18 years of age are also patrons.
2. Proof of vaccination does not apply to other persons including municipal employees, contractors, volunteers, inspectors, instructors, coaches and others who are entering the facility for work or business purposes and not as patrons.
3. To be admitted any patron 12 years of age and up must present proof of vaccination and proof of identification.
4. Fully vaccinated means having two doses at least 14 days ago.
5. Proof of vaccination is the vaccination receipt issued by Ontario or equivalents issued by other jurisdictions for out-of-province persons or equivalents for Indigenous persons.
6. Proof of Identification documents must provide the (1) name of the identification holder and (2) the date of birth of the identification holder. Photo ID is not required for proof of identification. Proof of identification documents include:
 - a. Birth Certificate
 - b. Citizenship Card
 - c. Driver's License
 - d. Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including health card
 - e. Indian Status Card/Indigenous Membership Card
 - f. Passport
 - g. Permanent Resident Card
7. Persons under 12 years of age are exempt.
8. Persons under 18 years of age who are entering a facility to participate in an organized sport are exempt.
9. Persons who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note.
10. There are NO other exemptions other than those listed above. Parents and Guardians of persons under 18 years of age who are patrons are not exempt. See the Section below on exemptions in O. Reg. 645/21.
11. The Municipality is prohibited from retaining any information provided by patrons for proof of vaccination.

Additional Notes:

1. Teams must provide a copy of their team attendance to the rink employee once all players and bench staff have arrived.
2. Players and bench staff can arrive 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their ice time.
3. Players must arrive fully dressed, using the dressing rooms to put on skates, helmets and gloves only. Please do not bring large hockey bags, unless you are a goalie. A duffle bag is acceptable.
4. Once member of the bench staff should be screening and taking attendance for the team, the other members of the bench staff will be responsible for monitoring the dressing room.
5. Masks must be worn by players and bench staff until their helmet is on. Spectators must wear masks during their entire time in the arena
6. Once players have put their helmets on they are to leave the dressing room and stand along the glass while waiting to go on the ice. This will help alleviate the congestion in the dressing rooms.
7. Once all players and bench staff have checked in spectators can then enter the arena. Spectators are asked not to crowd the check in area and have their documentation ready.
8. U7 and U9 can send their child into the rink and coaches will assist with tying skates. The more the child is dressed the better. Dressing rooms cannot be congested and if you must enter the dressing room only one parent/guardian is allowed in.
9. Players, bench staff and spectators must enter through the main door. Please exit through the downstairs entrance (near the Zamboni doors).
10. Everyone is expected to leave promptly after their ice time. Please do not linger/hang out inside the arena.
11. The Arena has a zero-tolerance policy on any poor interactions of patrons with staff at all facilities. The employee is not responsible for the rules as they exist strictly doing his/her job.

Other Exemptions in O. Reg. 645/21 – Not Applicable



Subsection 2.1 (3) of O. Reg. 645/21 gives other exemptions for patrons. That subsection and its exemptions are listed below along with an explanation why they do not apply at the municipal facilities, specifically the Norwest Arena, Murillo Community Hall and Rosslyn Community Hall.

O. Reg. 645/21 Subsection 2.1 (3):

Subsection (1) [proof of vaccination and proof of identification] does not apply where a patron is entering an indoor area solely,

- (a) To use a washroom

There are no public washrooms in the municipal facilities for use by persons solely for that purpose. The washrooms are used by patrons who have entered the facilities as participants, parents or guardians of participants or spectators of events or activities.

- (b) To access an outdoor area that can only be accessed through an indoor route

This circumstance does not apply at the municipal facilities.

- (c) To make a retail purchase

The Norwest Arena concessions are used by patrons who have entered the facilities as participants, parents or guardians of participants or spectators of events or activities. The concessions are not available to persons solely to make a retail purchase.

- (d) While placing or picking up an order, including placing a bet or picking up winnings in the case of a horse racing track
- (e) While paying for an order
- (f) To purchase admission

These circumstances do not apply at the municipal facilities.

- (g) As may be necessary for the purposes of health and safety

These exemption does not apply to parents or guardians of persons under 18 years of age participating in organized sports. The parents or guardians enter the facility because the persons participating in organized sports are under 18 years of age so the parents and guardians themselves are participants. This interpretation is consistent with Ontario's "Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act".