ONTARIO Volleyball

TOWN HALL
Vaccine Government Regulations and Guidance

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AGENDA

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Ontario Vaccine Certificate Regulations:

https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r21645

Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Act – September 14, 2021 version:

https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000807/ontario-releasing-guidance-to-support-proof-of-vaccination-policy

Vaccine Government Regulations

- Who is responsible?
- What is fully vaccinated?
- When is checking proof of vaccination required?
    - No information can be retained.
- Where is proof of vaccination required?
- Who is required? Who is exempt?
- Other info from Guidance Document

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Who is responsible for checking proof of vaccination?

- The business/organization that is open
  - Rental/Permit Agreement and Safety Plan will dictate:
    - Facility
    - Club
    - OVA Event Staff or Host

Proof of vaccination

2.1 (1) The person responsible for a business or an organization described in subsection (2) that is open shall require each patron who enters an area of the premises of the business or organization that is described in that subsection to provide, at the point of entry, proof of identification and of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

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What is fully vaccinated?

- Received Vaccine:
  - Full series of vaccine authorized by Health Canada or any combination,
  - One or two doses not authorized, followed by one dose of mRNA authorized by Health Canada, or
  - Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada
- Received final dose at least 14 days before providing proof of being fully vaccinated

(a) they have received,

(i) the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines,

(ii) one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or

(iii) three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and

(b) they received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

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When is proof of vaccine checked?

- Upon entry, check vaccine proof
  - *Remember health screening, contact tracing still required*
- Patron is not permitted to enter unless proof is provided or exemption applicable
- Refusal to provide proof – individual will not be permitted
- ➢ **Information cannot be retained**
- If receipts have been collected,
  - record the date viewed,
  - then delete

Application

Should an individual choose not to share the required information then, unless the ROA otherwise exempts them from this requirement, they will not be permitted to enter those businesses or organizations that require proof.

In order to enter the business and organization, with limited exceptions:

- The patron must provide the required proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated, and
- The business and organization must review and confirm the proof.

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Proof of Vaccines

Validation of identification must also be undertaken to ensure that vaccination receipt offered by the patron belongs to them. Validation of vaccination will be based on two key identifiers:

1. Name of the identification holder; and
2. Date of birth.

Note: A photo identification is not required.

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.
Examples of identification documents include:

- Birth certificate
- Citizenship card
- Driver's license
- Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including health card*
- Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card
- Passport
- Permanent Resident card
- Health Card (only if voluntarily provided – do not ask for it)

Note: expired identification is acceptable

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Steps for Businesses and Organizations: Proof of Vaccination

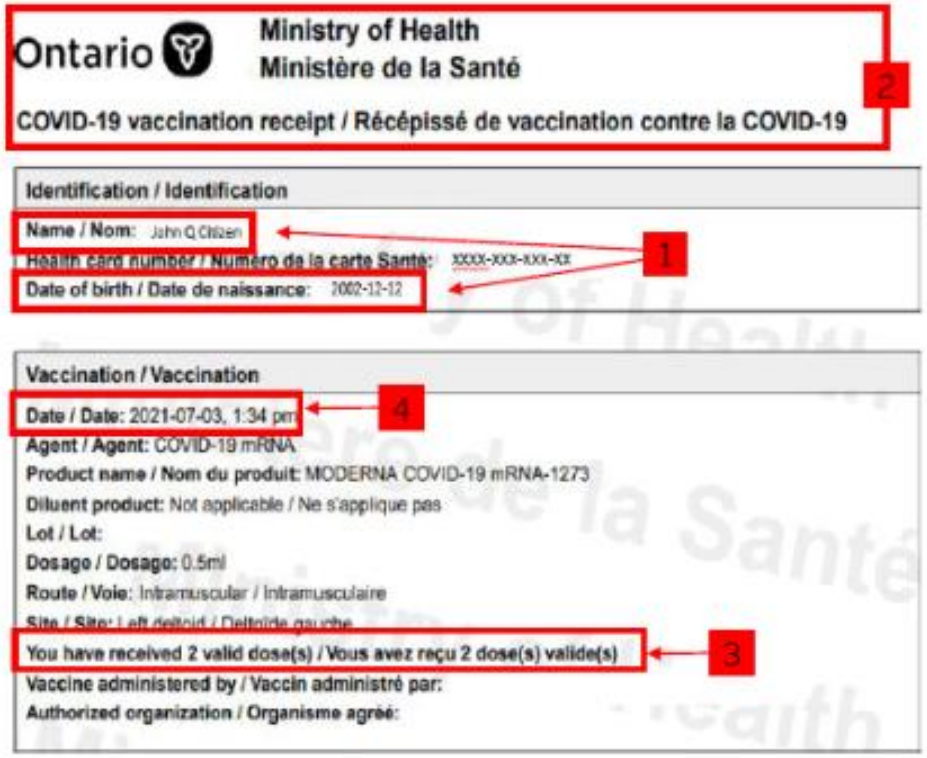
1 Match the **name** and the **date of birth** of the patron listed on the vaccination receipt against the name and date of birth on a piece of identification.

2 Verify the receipt is either:

- an Ontario receipt (illustrated)
- a receipt signed by an Indigenous health provider
- a receipt from another jurisdiction

3 Verify that the receipt shows that the holder is fully vaccinated (see slide 9).

4 Verify that the **date of administration** of the final shot in the series is at least **14 days** prior to the date the patron is seeking access to the business or organization.


Ontario
Ministry of Health
Ministère de la Santé
COVID-19 vaccination receipt / Récépissé de vaccination contre la COVID-19
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Identification / Identification
Name / Nom: John Q Citizen
Health card number / Numéro de la carte Santé: xxxx-xxx-xxx-xx
Date of birth / Date de naissance: 2002-12-12
1

Vaccination / Vaccination
Date / Date: 2021-07-03, 1:34 pm
4
Agent / Agent: COVID-19 mRNA
Product name / Nom du produit: MODERNA COVID-19 mRNA-1273
Diluent product: Not applicable / Ne s'applique pas
Lot / Lot:
Dosage / Dosage: 0.5ml
Route / Voie: Intramuscular / Intramusculaire
Site / Site: Left deltoid / Deltoïde gauche
You have received 2 valid dose(s) / Vous avez reçu 2 dose(s) valide(s)
3
Vaccine administered by / Vaccin administré par:
Authorized organization / Organisme agréé:

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Where is proof of vaccination required?

- **Indoor** areas of facilities used for:
  - Sports and recreational fitness activities, including
    - Personal physical fitness trainers
    - Spectator area
  - Meeting and event space
  - Other indoor settings, restaurants*

    *See gov't regulations for complete list of indoor settings

4. The indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including waterparks and personal physical fitness trainers, including, for greater certainty, the indoor areas of facilities where spectators watch events, but not including places described in subsection 16 (4) of Schedule 2.

"The venues that we have chosen are responsive to the risk that we have found in Ontario. If the risk increases in other venues, we can add and implement additional measures to protect Ontarians." - Ontario's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore

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Who is Exempt?

- Patrons under 12 years of age

Medical Exemptions:

- Present written document from physician or nurse with:
  - Documented medical reason, and
  - Effective time-period

(6) A business or an organization is exempt from the requirement under subsection (1) in respect of patrons,

(a) who are under 12 years of age;

(b) who are under 18 years of age, and who are 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, in accordance with guidance published by the Ministry of Health on its website for the purposes of this provision;

(c) who provide a written document, completed and supplied by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class, that sets out, in accordance with the Ministry's guidance mentioned in subsection (4),

(i) a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and

(ii) the effective time-period for the medical reason;

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Who is required to provide proof?

- Athletes 18 years and older
- Individuals, including under 18 years using exercise equipment, fitness area
- All spectators, including youth

Not required to present vaccination proof

- Youth under 18 years of age participating in organized sport
- Note: proof of vaccination not required for workers or volunteers including coaches and officials

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: • 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

Note: Proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to an exemption) is not required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials.

Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the *Reopening Ontario Act*

Setting	Activity	Proof of Vaccination*
Indoor premise 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.	⊘
	Youth under 18 years of age using a gym or other area with exercise equipment of weights	☑
	Youth spectating, including at sporting events	☑
	Adult (18+) patrons accessing the facility for any purpose, including parents or guardians of youth participating in an organized sport	☑

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Vaccination Guidance Document

Further requirements

- Guidance document provides baseline requirements to comply with
- Business/Organizations can establish their own additional policies or requirements
- Recommended to consult lawyer
- RTP needs posted on club website, including:
  - How to provide proof of vaccination and identification

Next Steps

- Sept 22 - Oct 22 use paper copy of receipts with ID
- Expected launch date Oct 22 - Enhance digital vaccine certificate with QR code
- Verification apps will be available for business

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OVA insurance coverage does not cover fines for breaking the law.

Penalties

- Failing to comply with the requirements of O. Reg. 364/20 can result in charges under the Re-Opening Ontario Act (ROA).
- If charged under Part I of the Provincial Offenses Act (POA), set fine amounts are $750 for individuals and $1,000 for corporations.
- Maximum penalties based on a prosecution under Part I or Part II of the POA include fines of up to $100,000 and up to a year in jail for an individual; **up to $500,000 and up to a year in jail for an individual who is a director or officer of a corporation**; and up to $10 million for a corporation.

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Check Rules -

- Facilities and permit issuers may have stricter rules
  - Universities and colleges
- Local Public Health Units may add further requirements
- If we want to rent and play in their facilities, we must follow their rules
- Remember to follow all return to play protocol requirements
- Keep checking – rules can change quickly

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Step 3 Protocols

- Step 3 protocols are still to be followed, even with the new vaccine certificate system
- Indoor facilities are operating at 50% capacity, capacity limits must be posted
- You must physical distance and wear masks, except for athletes actively participating on court
- Referees and coaches must use hand whistles
- Clubs must track daily health screening and have contact tracing lists
- Clubs must have COVID protocols posted on their website in a conspicuous location
- For full protocols, visit: https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ova-return-to-play

COVID Data tracked by Government

- 610 daily covid cases
- 7 day running average 711 cases
- Reproduction number is 1 – therefore the number of new cases will **not change** because 1 person infects 1 other person.
  - Further measures are likely
- Hospitalizations in ICU – 85% unvaccinated
- In Hospital not ICU – 75% unvaccinated

COVID Data

Vaccinations by age

People 12+ who have had at least 1 dose

Age	Number of people	Percentage of age group
80+	664,015	97.8%
70-79	1,111,085	95.8%
60-69	1,658,578	92.4%
50-59	1,763,688	85.6%
40-49	1,563,598	83.3%
30-39	1,653,261	80.4%
18-29	1,925,868	78.4%
12-17	751,076	78.9%

People 12+ who have had 2 doses

Age	Number of people	Percentage of age group
80+	644,427	94.9%
70-79	1,087,206	93.7%
60-69	1,607,218	89.5%
50-59	1,679,154	81.5%
40-49	1,457,912	77.7%
30-39	1,496,796	72.8%
18-29	1,683,210	68.5%
12-17	651,120	68.4%

Referees

- Currently, the OUA, OCAA and various school boards are mandating fully vaccinated referees to work their matches.
- All proof of identification and vaccinations are to be uploaded to the OVA: https://ontariovolleyballassociation.formstack.com/forms/referee_proof_of_vaccination_submissions
- Once files are uploaded, Kelvin Cheng will be reviewing and destroying the electronic files. Kelvin has shared a spreadsheet via Google docs with all Ontario assignors. Kelvin will be updating this spreadsheet daily for the assignors with referees that meet all requirements for each sport body.
- Anyone with a valid proof of exemption documentation from a physician is asked to email Kelvin directly at kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org and not upload via the FormStack link.
- Referee registration is open on the Membership Registration system: https://mrs.ontariovolleyball.org/Account/Login
- All registered referees are receiving an electronic whistle, face mask and purple card as part of their membership for the 2021/22 season to ensure requirements are met for working referees at facilities across Ontario.

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Questions?

Thank-you OVA community!

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