

Provincewide Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

Current as of September 15, 2021



Effective September 22, 2021

As per [O. Reg. 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap to Exit Step](#), all Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination (vaccine receipt) along with ID (**does not have to be photo ID**) to access certain public settings and facilities. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes:

- ✓ Indoor areas of restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments without dance facilities (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout);
- ✓ Indoor and outdoor areas of food or drink establishments with dance facilities, including nightclubs (excluding delivery and takeout);
- ✓ Indoor areas of meeting and event spaces, including banquet halls and conference/convention centres (with limited exceptions);
- ✓ Indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including gyms, fitness/sporting/recreational facilities, pools, league sporting events, waterparks and indoor areas of facilities where spectators watch events (limited exceptions apply);
- ✓ Indoor areas of casinos, bingo halls, and other gaming establishments;
- ✓ Indoor areas of concerts venues, theatres and cinemas;
- ✓ Indoor areas of bathhouses, strip clubs and sex clubs;
- ✓ Indoor areas of horse racing tracks, car racing tracks and other similar venues;
- ✓ Indoor areas where film and TV productions take place with studio audiences

Note: These mandatory requirements would not apply to outdoor settings where the risk of transmission is lower, including patios (with the exception of outdoor nightclub spaces), settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores, and medical supplies.

Note: Failing to comply with the requirements can result in charges under the [Reopening Ontario Act](#).

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- ✓ Certificates will be issued that include a unique QR code containing similar information as the current paper/PDF vaccine certificate.
- ✓ Launch of a new app that businesses and facilities can use to scan and validate unique QR codes.



How to Access Your Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

Step 1: Visit Ontario's Online COVID-19 Vaccination System at <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca> or get a family member or friend to do so on your behalf.

Step 2: Verify your identity by providing your (1) Health Card (including health card number, 2-letter version code and the 9-character code on the back of the card), (2) Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD), (3) Postal code (Example A2A 2A2). If you do not have an Ontario Health Card, please contact RCDHU at 613-732-3629.

Step 3: Access and print off your proof or take a photo with your phone.



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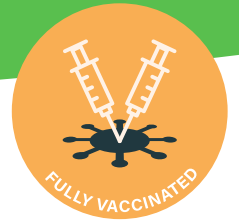
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Exemptions

The proof of identification (ID) and proof of vaccination against COVID-19 requirements under [O. Reg. 364/20](#) do not apply to:

a) Workers, contractors, repair workers, delivery workers, students, volunteers, inspectors or others who are entering the business or organization for work purposes and not as patrons.

b) A patron who is entering an indoor area solely for the following purposes:

- to use a washroom;
- to access an outdoor area that can only be accessed through an indoor route;
- to make a retail purchase;
- while placing or picking up an order, including placing a bet or picking up winnings in the case of a horse racing track;
- while paying for an order
- to purchase admission; or
- as may be necessary for the purposes of health and safety.

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

c) Children under 12 years of age.

d) Patrons under 18 years of age 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. Proof of ID and proof of being fully vaccinated is also not required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials.

- Exemption relating to youth under 18 years of age actively participating in indoor organized sport applies to training, practices, games and competitions (e.g., sports leagues, organized pick-up sports, dance classes, martial arts and swimming classes).
- Exemption **does not apply** to youth who are spectators at sporting events or youth who are using a gym or other area with exercise equipment or weights unless actively participating in an organized sport.
- Exemption **does not apply** patrons 18 years of age and older, **including parents or guardians of youth actively participating in an organized sport.**

e) Patrons who are entering the indoor premises of a meeting or event space solely for the purposes of attending a wedding service, rite or ceremony or a funeral service, rite or ceremony, but not an associated social gathering. **Unvaccinated patrons entering on or after September 22, 2021 but before October 13, 2021, as long as the patron provides proof of a negative test for COVID-19 within the previous 48 hours.**

f) Patrons who are entering the indoor premises of a meeting or event space that is located in a place of worship or in a funeral establishment, cemetery, crematorium or similar establishment that is operated by a person licensed under the [Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002](#).

g) Patrons who provide a written document, completed and supplied by a physician or a registered nurse in the extended class stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason, and the effective time-period for the medical reason. Patrons with medical exemptions must present ID and a written document stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason to the business or organization.



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