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Via Email:

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Re: Proof of Vaccination for all Participants in Organized Sports

Please be advised that at a meeting held on November 1, 2021, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 281-21:

Whereas activities related to organized sports such as close contact, forceful exhalation, prolonged exposure, crowded indoor spaces and removal of masks/face coverings during physical activity enhance the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission; and,

Whereas the current Provincial Regulations do not require participants in organized sports ages 12 to 17 to provide proof of vaccination or proof of medical exemption, despite this age group being eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations; and,

Whereas the current Provincial Regulations do not require proof of vaccination or proof of medical exemption for any participant in organized sports serving in the capacity of a volunteer, coach, or official, including adults over the age of 18; and,

Whereas the Provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health has encouraged individual sports organizations, such as minor hockey associations, to develop their own policies requiring proof of vaccination of players, coaches, trainers, referees, and other participants; and,

Whereas the Regional Medical Officer of Health has recommend that sports and recreational fitness facilities consider developing their own policies requiring proof of vaccination for all participants in organized sports ages 12 and older including players, coaches, officials, and volunteers; and,

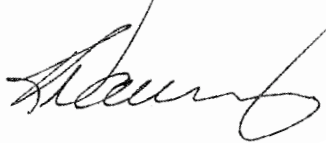
Whereas requiring proof of vaccination for all individuals ages 12 and older in sports and recreational fitness facilities will strengthen protections in the community by helping to curb the spread of COVID-19; and,

Whereas a Provincial or Regional requirement for proof of vaccination for all participants ages 12 and older at all sports and recreational fitness facilities in Ontario or Durham Region would provide residents with clarity and consistency.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Whitby requests the Province of Ontario and Region of Durham to enact regulations requiring proof of vaccination at all sports and recreational fitness facilities for all participants in organized sports ages 12 and older including players coaches, officials, and volunteers at these events; and,
2. That the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Kieran Moore, Provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Robert Kyle, Regional Medical Officer of Health, M.P.P. Lorne Coe, and all Durham municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact John Romano, Commissioner of Community Services at 905.430.4321.



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