



PATRON PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY

Effective Date: September 22, 2021

POLICY STATEMENT:

As the Province confronts a fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in an effort to protect Ontarians, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Province is now requiring persons to provide proof of vaccination when accessing certain higher risk settings.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to outline how the Township of Brock will manage patron access to Township facilities and spaces where Proof of Vaccination and Identification is required under Ontario Regulation 364/20 (under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020), as well as the Ministry of Health's Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act.

SCOPE:

With limited exceptions, this policy applies to all facilities owned and operated by the Township of Brock.

DEFINITIONS:

Fully Vaccinated:

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, or
- 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
- Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and
- The individual received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

This includes any subsequent booster vaccine that may be recommended by the Ministry of Health or Health Canada.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.



Identification:

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**

Photo identification is not required.

Examples of identification documents that may be used to confirm the identity of the holder of the vaccine receipt include:

- Birth Certificate
- Citizenship card
- Driver's license
- Government issued identification card including health card
- Indian Status Card/Indigenous Membership Card
- Passport
- Permanent Resident card

Validation of identification is considered to have been completed/successful when the name and date of birth of the presenter of the vaccination receipt and the name and date of birth on the identification document match. If the name and date of birth on both documents do not match, the individual will not be allowed to enter into facility.

Organized Sports:

Organized sports for which the youth exemption applies include:

- sports leagues
- organized drop-in sports
- dance classes
- martial arts

Proof of Medical Exemption:

Written proof of a medical reason, provided by a physician or nurse practitioner in the extended class, that sets out:

- i. a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and
- ii. the effective time-period for the medical reason.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.



Proof of Vaccination:

Documentation issued by the Ontario Ministry of Health, other province or territory or international equivalent indicating individual immunization status against the COVID-19 virus. This can be in the form of a Vaccine Receipt and after October 22, 2021, a digital Vaccine Passport will also be accepted.

Vaccine Receipt:

A paper or digital copy of a COVID-19 vaccination receipt identifying that the individual is fully vaccinated. Must include their name, date of vaccination and name of vaccine at the time of vaccination and may include:

- An Ontario vaccination receipt from a vaccine clinic when you received your dose (paper copy)
- A vaccination receipt signed by an Indigenous Health Provider
- An Ontario Ministry of Health vaccination receipt received by email following your appointment (digital or printed paper copy)
- A vaccination receipt from another jurisdiction that shows the holder is fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

A Vaccine Receipt must be validated by confirming the individuals name and date of birth on a piece of identification.

Vaccine Passport:

A digital version of the enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code to gain access to designated settings.

PROOF OF VACCINATION:

Every patron 12 years of age or older entering indoor areas of Township facilities that are used for sports and recreation fitness activities, and/or utilizing a meeting or event space must provide Proof of Vaccination and show Identification upon entry to the space.

Township staff shall confirm that patrons entering Township facilities are Fully Vaccinated as outlined in the COVID-19 Active Screening Procedure.

The Township of Brock shall not collect, nor retain Proof of Vaccination from patrons.

Anyone unwilling or unable to provide Proof of Vaccination, or if an individual is not Fully Vaccinated, they shall not be permitted access to the facility and/or the permitted space within the facility.

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GENERAL EXEMPTIONS:

Patrons are exempt from providing Proof of Vaccination:

- When accessing a Town facility solely for the purpose of receiving essential government services.

Additionally, patrons may enter any Township of Brock without providing Proof of Vaccination if solely for the purposes of:

- a) to use a washroom;
- b) to access an outdoor area that can only be accessed through an indoor route;
- c) to make a retail purchase;
- d) while placing or picking up an order;
- e) while paying for an order;
- f) to purchase admission;
- g) as may be necessary for the purposes of health and safety.

INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTIONS:

Individuals who meet the following conditions shall be exempt from providing Proof of Vaccination:

- Children under 12 years of age.
- Individuals 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.
 - For greater certainty, workers, and volunteers, including coaches and officials of youth sports are not required to provide Proof of Vaccination when actively participating in an organized youth sport.
- Individuals who provide a written Proof Medical Exemption.

WEDDING SERVICE, RITE OR CEREMONY OR A FUNERAL SERVICE:

Individuals attending a wedding service, rite or ceremony or a funeral service, in Township facilities are exempt from providing Proof of Vaccination.

This exemption does not apply to social gatherings associated with the service, rite or ceremony (i.e., wedding reception). Individuals attending these social gatherings will be required to provide Proof of Vaccination upon entry.



Until October 13, 2021, patrons may provide proof of a negative antigen test administered within the previous 48 hours to attend an indoor social gathering associated with a wedding service, funeral service, rite or ceremony in certain meeting or event spaces.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES:

As the Province continues to monitor the impact of opening schools and the growing number of people returning to workplaces, many COVID-19 workplace safety measures will remain in place. This means certain settings may still require additional measure above and beyond Proof of Vaccination (i.e., mask use indoors, active screening, collection of contact information, etc.).

ACTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

Acts of non-compliance to this policy are in violation of Ontario Regulation 364/20 (under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020), as well as the Ministry of Health's Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act and may result in the individual(s) being denied access to premises.