

Province of Ontario's Proof of Vaccination Policy Presentation

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What is the Proof of Vaccination Policy?

- The policy states that people must prove they are fully vaccinated before occupying **the indoor spaces of** many businesses and establishments, including:
 - Restaurants, bars, night clubs and bath houses
 - Sport and recreational fitness facilities, and meeting event spaces
 - Theatres, concert venues and gaming establishments
- Only a limited set of outdoor spaces with regular capacities of 20,000 persons or more require proof of vaccination to enter

People are not required to prove full vaccination in spaces that fall under policy if they are:

- Under 12 years of age
- Under 18 years of age and participating in organized sports, training or classes (eg. dance)
- Using a washroom
- Passing through to access an outdoor space such as a restaurant patio
- Making a retail purchase
- Getting take-out or paying a bill
- Attending a wedding or funeral service (not related social gathering)
- Entering to perform work
- In possession of a medical exemption certificate

Fully Vaccinated: Ontario's Definition

You are fully vaccinated if you have:

- Two doses of vaccine approved for use in Canada
- One or two doses of vaccine not approved for use in Canada + one mRNA dose
- Three doses of vaccine not approved for use in Canada
- Received the final dose in the series at least 14 days ago

Are there cases where I may need two mRNA doses if I received vaccine not approved for use in Canada or by the World Health Organization (WHO)?

- No, as long as you can provide a valid receipt or record of one or two doses of any vaccine not approved for use in Canada
- The status of the vaccine under the WHO no longer matters

Am I exempt from the policy if I have natural immunity to Covid because I've already been infected?

- No, this is not the basis for an exemption

The following vaccination documents are acceptable, as long as they confirm you meet Ontario’s definition of “fully vaccinated”

- Paper receipts given at vaccination
- Previous versions of electronic or printed Ministry of Health vaccine receipts and records
- Electronic or printed enhanced vaccination record with QR code
- International paper and electronic receipts and records
 - Original non-English receipts may be used along with a translation of the text

How to get a vaccination record

If you have a green photo Ontario health card

- Download your enhanced vaccination record with QR code at www.covid19.ontariohealth.ca
- Requires inputting numbers on front and back of card

If you have the number on the front of your green health card only, or have an older red and white health card:

- Request your enhanced vaccination record from the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY: 1-866-797-0007)

How to get a vaccination record

If you do not have an Ontario health card:

- Request a Covid ID number from Toronto Public Health by calling its Hotline at 416-338-7600 (TTY: 416-392-0658)
- With the Covid ID, request your enhanced vaccination record from the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY: 1-866-797-0007)

Enhanced vaccination record with QR code:

- Will other forms of vaccination receipt and record be accepted now that QR code is in effect?
 - Yes, the QR code is a convenience, not a requirement
- How do I download the app that is needed to use the QR code?
 - You don't need the app, businesses scanning your QR code do
- Does the vaccination record with QR code expire after 5 days?
 - No, after you download the vaccination record it does not expire

What Forms of Identification Can I Use?

Acceptable forms of Identification are:

- Issued by an “institution or public body”
 - **Include name and date of birth** that match information on the vaccination record
- Issued by governments of Canada, Ontario, other provinces and other countries **if not expired**
- Issued by Canada and Ontario **even if expired**
- Examples Include:
 - Birth certificate
 - Citizenship card
 - Driver’s licence
 - Government issued identification card, including health card
 - Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card
 - Passport
 - Permanent Resident card

Out of Province Vaccinations

You will need to have your vaccination(s) entered into the CovaxON vaccine management system if:

- You received one or more doses of Covid vaccine outside Ontario
- You were vaccinated at a corrections facility, military base or embassy

How?

- Complete the out of province survey found on the City of Toronto's website, here: <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-proof-of-vaccination/?accordion=out-of-province-or-non-ontario-stock-vaccines>
- When entered, follow same process to download the enhanced vaccination record
- While waiting, use out of province receipts for proof of vaccination

Getting an mRNA dose after being immunized outside Ontario, if required:

- Do I have to wait until my out of province vaccination(s) is recorded in Ontario before I get the mRNA dose I need to be fully vaccinated here?
 - No, please get your mRNA dose right away, as long as you are eligible
 - Tip 1: Advise going to a vaccination clinic operated by the City of Toronto (see www.toronto.ca/covid-19 for locations)
 - Tip 2: Clinics operated by the City of Toronto now offer Covid ID's and to document out of province vaccinations when people attend for a vaccination

What Was New in Friday's Provincial Reopening Announcement?

Note: changes introduced fall under proof of vaccination policy, and do not replace it

Removal of capacity/physical distancing limits in some indoor settings where proof of vaccination is required, including:

- October 25
 - Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments
 - Indoor areas of sports and recreational facilities such as gyms
 - Casinos and other gaming establishments
 - Indoor meeting and event spaces
- November 15
 - All other spaces requiring proof of vaccination, including nightclubs, wedding event spaces and bathhouses

What Was New in Friday's Provincial Reopening Announcement?

If supported by data, on January 17 may begin to remove:

- Capacity/physical distancing limits currently imposed on spaces where proof of vaccination is not required
- Proof of vaccination requirements for some spaces including restaurants, bars and sports and recreational facilities

If supported by data, on February 7 may begin to remove:

- Proof of vaccination requirements on additional spaces including nightclubs and bathhouses

What Was New in Friday's Provincial Reopening Announcement?

If supported by data, on March 28 may begin to remove:

- Remaining public health and workplace safety measures, including wearing face coverings in indoor public settings
- Proof of vaccination requirement for all remaining settings, including meeting and event spaces, sporting events, concerts, theatres and cinemas

Will there be a Federal vaccination certificate?

- The federal government has announced that it is working with provinces to develop one standard vaccination certificate that each province will use
- The certificate will share key characteristics with the enhanced Ontario vaccination record, including basic vaccination information (eg. type of vaccine, date given) and a QR code
- It will comply with the SMART Health Card standard, recognized by a number of international travel destinations (including the US)
- Use of the certificate will be mandatory for international and domestic plane travel starting on November 30
 - Beginning October 30, those age 12 and older travelling within Canada or departing internationally from a Canadian airport require proof of vaccination
 - Until November 30, alternative to above is showing a valid Covid molecular test taken not more than 72 hours before travel