

## NSSRC Proof of Vaccination Policy and Procedure

As of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 staff will be stationed at the door checking vaccine certification and government identification as proof of vaccination.

Staff will be required to check paper copies or emailed vaccination receipts until the provincial vaccination passport app is made available on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

## Proof of vaccination is required for:

## All entrants aged 18 and older

#### Exemptions:

- 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
  - while paying for an order;
  - to purchase admission; or
  - as may be necessary for the purposes of health and safety.
- c) Works or volunteers of organized sports, including coaches and officials.
- d) Patrons who provide a written document, completed and supplied by a physician (designated as "MD") or by a registered nurse in the extended class (designated as "Registered Nurse (Extended Class)", "RN(EC)", "Nurse Practitioner" or "NP") stating that the individual is exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time-period for the medical reason. Patrons with a medical exemption are required to present identification and a written document stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason to the business or organization.

#### All entrants between the ages of 12 and 17 – except when participating in an organized sport

The exemption relating to youth under 18 years of age actively participating in indoor organized sport applies to training, practices, games and competitions. Examples of an organized sport for which the exemption applies include:

- sports leagues
- organized pick-up sports
- dance classes
- martial arts

The exemption does not apply to youth who are spectators at sporting events.

#### **Vaccine Verification Process:**

Proof of vaccination is required **every time** an individual enters the facility.

### Steps Required:

- 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
  - (a) an Ontario receipt issued at the time of vaccination, or any format of receipt downloaded from Ontario.ca that shows the holder is fully vaccinated against COVID-19
  - (b) a receipt signed by an Indigenous Health Provider, or
  - (c) a receipt from another jurisdiction that shows the holder is fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- 3. Verify that the receipt shows that the holder is fully vaccinated.
- 4. Verify that the date of administration of the final shot in the series is **at least fourteen days** prior to the date the patron is seeking access to the business or organization.



COVID-19 vaccination receipt / Récépissé de vaccination contre la COVID-19



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.

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

- Birth certificate
- Citizenship card
- Driver's licence
- Government (Ontario or other) 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 the business or organization.

The patron seeking entry to the business or organization is **solely responsible** for demonstrating that they are the legitimate holder of the vaccination receipt, and that the information being provided is complete and accurate and relates to the patron. If they cannot demonstrate that to the business or organization, the individual will not be allowed to enter.

#### **Proof of Medical Exemption:**

To review proof of a medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19, the business or organization must ensure:

- The name of the person in the written documentation matches the identification provided.
- The physician's or registered nurse in the extended class's information is complete by including:
  - o Name and contact information of the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
  - Logo or letterhead identifying the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
  - Statement that there is a medical reason for the individual's exemption from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
  - Any effective time-period for the medical reason which includes the date the patron is seeking access to the business or organization.

### **Proof for an Individual Who Works or Volunteers with Organized Sports:**

All workers, volunteers, coaches, trainers and officials are asked to show proof of their exemption provided to them by their sports organization.

Any vaccine receipt altered in any way will be deemed invalid.

A negative COVID-19 test or recent COVID-19 infection is NOT the same as being fully vaccinated.

#### **Additional Notes for Check In:**

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

The facility will continue to actively screen all entrants for COVID-19 symptoms.

All facility participants must enter through the main entrance, with the exception of the BGC of North Simcoe (formerly the Boys and Girls Club).

A master participant lists from all user groups and minor sport organizations will be requested for contact tracing purposes.

Participants will be permitted two (2) spectators each. Midland Flyers capacity are currently capped at 150 spectators.

Hockey participants are allowed to enter 30 minutes prior to their rental; Gym users are allowed to enter 10 minutes prior to their rental.

## **Compliance:**

Anyone unable to provide proof of vaccination or legitimate exemption will be denied entry.

If problems arise, the non-emergency OPP will be called. If problems persist with any one individual, we will address it with the organization they belong to, and any further problems will result in the individual being trespassed by the facility.



# Appendix A: Requirements for Patrons in Indoor Sport and Recreational Fitness Facilities

Setting	Activity	Proof of Vaccination
Indoor premises of a	Youth under 18 years of age	Not required
facility used for sports	actively participating in an	
and recreational	organized sport, including	
fitness activities	training, practices, games and	
	competitions. Examples	
	include:	
	<ul> <li>sports leagues</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>organized pick-up sports</li> </ul>	
	dance classes	
	<ul> <li>martial arts</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>swimming classes</li> </ul>	
	Youth under 18 years of age	Required*
	using a gym or other area	
	with exercise equipment or	
	weights	
	Youth spectating, including at	Required*
	sporting events	
	Adult (18+) patrons accessing	Required*
	the facility for any purpose,	
	including parents or	
	guardians of youth	
	participating in an organized	
	sport	

<sup>&#</sup>x27;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.