

## Provincial Proof of Vaccinations Requirements

The Township of Wainfleet is implementing new regulations from the Provincial Government, which require all eligible individuals to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (two doses plus 14 days), and to provide proof of their vaccination status prior to accessing certain businesses and settings.

These requirements came into effect on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, and impact some Township facilities, including the Wainfleet Community Centre, the Moore Room, Wainfleet Seniors' Room and the Wainfleet Arena. Staff will be on site at these locations during operating hours, to verify proof of vaccination and proof of identity of patrons. Proof of vaccination is required each time a patron enters the facility, as vaccination information will not be recorded or stored.

Some exemptions to the Provincial proof of vaccination mandate apply, including:

- Medical exemptions (given they satisfy the Ontario Regulations) with proof in the form of a letter from an approved physician
- Individuals who are under 12 years of age (proof of age may be necessary)
- Youth aged 12 to 17 who are **actively participating** in *organized* sports. This exemption only applies when entering the arena area as an active participant and *does not apply if they are a spectator or are in other areas of the Community Centre.*
- Coaches, volunteers and officials who are **actively participating** in *organized* sports. This exemption only applies when entering the arena area as an active participant and *does not apply if they are a spectator or in other areas of the Community Centre.*

Please note that adults and patrons aged 18 years or older who are accompanying a child are required to show proof of vaccination regardless of their child's age. To see the full details of the new requirements, read [Ontario Regulation 645/21](#).

Businesses and organizations under the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act](#), are also required by the Provincial Government to implement measures for proof of vaccination requirements for their patrons. The Ministry of Health has put together documents with [guidelines](#) and common [Questions and Answers](#) to help support owners and operators in implementing these requirements.

To access your vaccination receipt, log in to the Provincial online booking portal at <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca> using the information on your green photo health (OHIP) card, your date of birth, and the postal code associated with your health card.

The Ministry of Health is working on additional supports and services to assist Ontario residents who need help obtaining proof of vaccination, including requesting a copy be sent by mail. Those who need support obtaining a copy of their vaccination receipt including those who do not have access to a computer or printer can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

Residents who wish to receive their first or second dose can visit [www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/vaccination/](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/vaccination/) or call 1-888-505-6074 and press 7 for more information about the COVID-19 vaccine and upcoming vaccination clinics.

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