



## **RE: POLICY: COVID-19 VACCINATION PASSPORT POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

To further protect Ontarians as the province continues to confront the Delta driven fourth wave of COVID-19, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, will require people to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings starting September 22, 2021.

Requiring proof of vaccination in these settings reduces risk, which is critical to protecting the province's hospital capacity, while also supporting businesses with the tools they need to keep customers safe, stay open and minimize disruptions.

As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes:

- Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout);
- Nightclubs (including outdoor areas of the establishment);
- Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres;
- Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport;
- Sporting events;
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments;
- Concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas;
- Strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs;
- Racing venues (e.g., horse racing)

### **SCOPE**

These mandatory requirements would not apply to outdoor settings where the risk of transmission is lower, including patios, with the exception of outdoor nightclub spaces given the risk associated with the setting. In addition, these requirements will not apply to settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores, medical

supplies and the like. Aligned with public health measures currently in place, indoor masking policies will continue to remain in place.

Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate. Children who are 11 years of age and younger (currently unable to be vaccinated) will also be exempted from these requirements.

For the period between September 22 and October 12, 2021, it is intended that people attending wedding or funeral receptions at meeting or event spaces will be able to provide a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test from no more than 48 hours before the event as an alternative to proof of vaccination. These rapid antigen tests would have to be privately purchased.

In addition to the list mandated by the province, this policy applies to all indoor non-essential programs and activities in any and all municipal buildings regardless of risk profile. For added clarity, this policy applies to all indoor recreation programs but does **not** apply to traditional municipal services typically provided by City Hall staff (including but not limited to taxes and water, building and clerk services).

## **PROCEDURE**

Upon attendance to any indoor non-essential program or activities, patrons will be required to provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID, such as a driver's licence or health card. Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate. Children who are 11 years of age and younger (unable to be vaccinated) OR children 12 and up who are unable to produce photo ID, will be granted entry if accompanied by a fully vaccinated guardian, who can confirm their identity. This includes but is not limited to: public skating, public swimming, hockey practices.

The City of Elliot Lake will require any current and future service contracts (ie. Minor Hockey, Figure Skating, the NOJHL etc...) to provide a safety plan for review by the City. The City reserves the right to require additional measures at the city's sole discretion.

Ontarians currently have access to a paper or PDF vaccine receipt that includes all relevant information to prove that they are fully vaccinated. The receipts can be printed or downloaded [from the provincial government website](#). "Fully vaccinated" means having had two doses, with the most recent at least 14 days prior to an event or access to a building. Neither a recent COVID-19 infection nor a recent negative test will substitute for two shots.

Ontario will also introduce an enhanced digital vaccine receipt that features a QR code, which is safe, more secure and with you wherever you go. This digital vaccine receipt can be kept on a phone and easily used to show that you've been vaccinated if you need to. In addition, the province will launch a new app to make it easier and more convenient for businesses and organizations to read and verify that a digital vaccine receipt is valid, while protecting your privacy.

### **ENFORCEMENT/COMPLAINT**

This policy may be enforced by any staff member while on duty. Violations of this policy will result in being inadmissible to current events but not limited to all future City events, and future private events on City property.

The City's existing Public Code of Conduct applies equally throughout this Passport Policy implementation.