

## For Immediate Release

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### **Subject: Proof of Vaccination Notice**

As of September 22, 2021, the Province of Ontario will require members of the public to be fully vaccinated to access certain public settings, including recreation centres ([O/Reg 645/21](#)).

To enter the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre, visitors and program patrons must provide proof of full vaccination as well as proof of identity (such as a driver's licence or health card) as required by the law. A copy of your [vaccine receipt](#) will be accepted as proof.

Please note all visitors to the Arena and Community Centre must also wear a mask while inside the facility, unless actively exercising.

Town staff have no ability to override this policy. After September 22nd, if you forget or otherwise fail to provide proof of vaccination, you will not be allowed to enter the facility. Arguing with or otherwise trying to intimidate staff into ignoring provincial law is not acceptable behaviour and may result in being banned from the facility.

### **1. How does this law impact children and youth?**

Unvaccinated youth (under 18) may enter the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre if the purpose of their visit is solely to participate in an organized sport, in accordance with guidance published by the Ministry of Health on its website.

An indoor organized sport means training, practices, games and competitions. Examples of an organized sport for which the exemption applies include:

- sports leagues
- organized pick-up sports

Youth (12+) who are using the fitness room or other area with exercise equipment or weights must show proof of vaccination unless their fitness room visit is part of an organized sport.

### **2. How does this law impact spectators and guardians?**

By law, anyone accompanying the athlete as a spectator or guardian must show proof of vaccination and proof of identity if they are 12 years of age or older.

### **3. How does this law impact coaches and volunteers?**

Proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated is not required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials. However, sports associations may implement vaccine requirements.

#### **4. What is the definition of fully vaccinated?**

Under the law, a person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if,

- (a) they have received,
  - (i) the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines,
  - (ii) 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
  - (iii) three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; **and**
- (b) they received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

#### **5. What if I don't want to disclose my vaccination status?**

You can choose whether to disclose your vaccination status. Should you make the decision not to divulge this information, you will not be permitted to access the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre.

The Community Services Department will not retain any vaccination information provided in accordance with the law.

If you need to cancel your program registration or rental, please contact us at 705-286-1260 x 554.

#### **6. Will people with medical exemptions be allowed to access the Community Centre?**

Anyone claiming a medical exemption must provide a written document, completed and supplied by a physician or registered nurse 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 you have specific questions for our programs or services please contact the following staff:

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