



Municipality of Assiginack Proof of Vaccination Protocols

Effective September 22, 2021

Introduction

This document has been developed based on the directives outlined in the Ontario ministry of Health Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Act version 1 – September 14, 2021.

As per section 2.1 of Schedule 1 to O. Reg 364/20 Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step (O. Reg. 364/20) under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 or the “ROA” indicates that effective Wednesday, September 22, 2021 specified businesses or organizations are required that each patron who enters an area of the premises to provide, at the point of entry, proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Application

Should an individual choose not to share the required information then, unless the ROA otherwise exempts them from this requirement, they will not be permitted to enter municipal halls, arenas, or recreation facilities.

In order to enter the municipal hall, arena or recreation facility, with limited exceptions:

- The patron must provide the required proof of identification and proof of being vaccinated, and
- The facility must review and confirm the proof

Facilities will not retain any information provided by the patron if information is provided in pursuant to a requirement under section 2.1 of Schedule 1 of O. Reg. 364/20 under ROA.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated if they have received:

- The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine as authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines, or
- 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
- Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada and
- They received their final dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to providing proof of being fully vaccinated.

Effective September 22, 2021, patrons seeking access to the following areas of the premises must show proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before they can enter the facility, with limited exceptions:

- **Indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreation fitness activities**, including gyms, fitness/sporting/recreational facilities, pools, leagues sporting events, and indoor areas of facilities where spectators watch events.
- **Indoor areas of meeting and event spaces**. Including, community halls, event facilities and meeting rooms.

All other public health and workplace safety measures in O. Reg. 364/20 remain in effect (including but not limited to the capacity limits, screening, masking, physical distancing and collection of the patrons contact information where required).

Exemptions

The proof of identification and proof of vaccination against COVID-19 requirements under O. Reg. 364/20 **do not** apply to:

- a) 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 or obtain a retail service (e.g., skate sharpening, Canteen purchases)
 - while paying for an order;
 - to purchase admission; or
 - as may be necessary for the purposes of health and safety.

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

- b) Children under 12 years of age.
- c) Patrons under 18 years of age who are entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport, in accordance with the guidelines below and in Appendix A:
- The exemption relating to youth under 18 years of age, actively participating in the indoor organization sport applies to training, practices, games and competitions. Examples of organized sport while the exemption applies include:
 1. Sports leagues
 2. Organized pick-up sports
 3. Dance classes
 4. Martial arts
 - Proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated is not required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials.
 - The exemption does not apply to youth who are spectators at sporting events.
 - Proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and proof of identification (or proof of being entitled to another exemption) is required for patrons 18 years and older, including parents or guardians of youth actively participating in an organized sport.

- Patrons who provide a written document, completed, and supplied by a physician (Designated “MD”) or by a registered nurse in the extended class (Designated as “Registered Nurse (extended Class) or RN(EC)”, “Nurse Practitioner or NP” stating that the patron is exempt for medical reasons from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time period for the medical reason.

Patrons with Medical Exemptions are required to present identification and a written document stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason to the facility.

Compliance and Enforcement

Patrons seeking entry to the municipal facility are **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.

Canada’s Criminal Code deals with matters such as violent threats. The police will be contacted in these situations. Harassment may also be a matter that falls under the Criminal Code or Ontario’s Human Rights Code.

In the event of harassment or threats of acts of violence, law enforcement will be contacted.

Resources

- [COVID-19 Coronavirus in Ontario webpage](#)
- [Covid-19 Patron Screening requirement webpage](#)
- [Provincial portal to download Vaccination receipts](#)

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

Location	Activity	Name	Phone Number	Proof of Vaccination
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