

COMMUNITY UPDATE #17

Ontario's Proof of Vaccination Requirement Starts September 22

September 3, 2021 – On September 1st, the province announced that Ontarians will be required to show proof that they are fully vaccinated to enter certain settings **effective September 22, 2021**. Fully vaccinated means it has been more than 14 days since your 2nd dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. To be considered fully vaccinated by September 22nd you need to receive your 2nd dose by September 8th.

As of September 22nd, individuals 12 years of age and older as of December 31, 2021 who are not fully vaccinated will not be able to enter high risk public settings and facilities where it is not always possible to wear a face covering, including:

- 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).

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

This does not currently impact local businesses or settings in Nipissing First Nation (NFN).

The NFN Crisis Control Group will continue to assess and advise the community if local settings or facilities are affected by the requirement for vaccine certification.

Obtaining Proof of Vaccination

If you received a COVID-19 vaccine at Nipissing First Nation your information is entered into COVax, the province's COVID-19 vaccine database. You can print or download (PDF) your vaccine receipt from this site: covid19.ontariohealth.ca or call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900 or call the NFN Health Services Community Health Nurse at 705-753-3312

If you are fully vaccinated, show your vaccine receipt from the COVax system and a piece of identification (health card with photo, driver's licence) and you will be able to enter these settings. Children 11 years and under do not need proof of vaccination and can enter settings where there are no age restrictions. Adults accompanying children must be able to provide proof of full vaccination.

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On October 22, 2021, the province plans to launch a verification app with a unique QR code so that venues can scan your mobile device to confirm full vaccination status.

Adult and Youth Vaccines

NFN Health Services is extending the timeframe for weekly COVID-19 vaccines. If you turn 12 years old on or before December 31, 2021 and need a COVID-19 vaccine or have questions about proof of vaccination please contact NFN Health Services at (705) 753-3312 and ask to speak with a Community Health Nurse.

For more information about Ontario's vaccine certification process see the FAQ's and the PowerPoint presentation below.

- [New Requirement for Proof of Vaccination in Certain Settings: Frequently Asked Questions | Ontario Newsroom](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation \(documentcloud.org\)](#)

Contacts

If you are concerned about a potential exposure to COVID-19 or have any questions about vaccines, please contact our Community Health Nurse, Carole Lafantaisie, at 705-753-3312 ext. 2257. Other inquiries may be directed to Kimberly Lalonde, Director of Health Services, at 705-753-3312 ext. 2223.

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit's COVID-19 call centre also has a toll-free phone number (1-844-478-1400) for individuals to discuss general or school concerns related to COVID-19.

Please visit our website (nfn.ca) for regular updates about COVID-19 and our operations.