

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update: The Last Mile

- New targets to beat Delta:
  - 1st dose: 90% of eligible population (12+yrs)
  - 2nd dose: 90% of eligible population (12+yrs)
- New targets are NOT for exiting Step 3. Capacity limits will remain
- 33% increase in vaccinations following vaccine certificate announcement
- Proof of vaccination general guidelines:
  - Proof of vaccination rules are for patrons only, NOT staff
  - Proof of vaccination rules are for higher risk indoor public settings, NOT private settings
  - Businesses CAN implement their own proof of vaccination policy if not covered by these regulations, but need to seek their own legal advice

Other public health and workplace safety measures will still apply, including masks, screening, and track and trace

# New Guidance on 'Fully Vaccinated' Definition

- In order to be considered 'fully vaccinated,' patrons must have received:
  - The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada
    - Health Canada-authorized COVID-19 vaccines: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson
  - A combination of doses of COVID-19 vaccines authorized by Health Canada
  - One dose of a COVID-19 vaccine not approved by Health Canada followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine approved by Health Canada
  - 3 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada
  - **PLUS** 14 days elapsed since the 2nd dose by the time proof of vaccination provided
- Trial vaccines will not be accepted

# Providing Proof of Vaccination

- Proof of vaccination can be shown on paper or on mobile device (e.g., PDF)
- Accepted ID does not need to be photo ID – only requires name & DOB (info must match proof of vaccination document)

## **Accepted forms of ID:**

- Birth certificate
- Citizenship card
- Driver's licence
- Government-issued ID card (Ontario issued or other), including health card
- Indian status card/indigenous membership card
- Passport
- Permanent resident card

# Providing & Verifying Proof of Vaccination

- The patron must provide proof of being fully vaccinated and proof of ID at the point of entry to the required setting
  - Cannot pre-display or upload proof of vaccination: no data retention of data allowed
- The business/organization must review and confirm the proof – they are responsible for ensuring they meet the requirements to check for proof of vaccination and ID from patrons
- The patron seeking entry is solely responsible for demonstrating that they are legitimate holders of the vaccination receipt
- NO ENTRY if the name and DOB on both documents do not match

# Where Proof of Vaccination is Required (Updated)

- Indoor areas of commercial film & TV productions w/ studio audiences (NEW)
- Indoor areas of waterparks (NEW)
- Indoor areas of concert venues, theatres, cinemas
- Indoor areas of restaurants, bars, other food & drink establishments (excluding outdoor patios & takeout)
- Indoor food service/food courts (e.g., café at costco)
- Indoor AND outdoor areas of food & drink establishments with dance facilities (e.g., nightclubs, restoclubs; excluding takeout)
- Indoor areas of horse racing tracks, car racing tracks, & other similar venues
- Indoor areas where spectators watch sporting events
- Indoor areas of casinos, bingo halls, other gaming establishments
- Indoor areas of facilities for sports & recreational fitness activities, including personal fitness training
- Indoor meeting & event spaces (e.g., banquet halls, conference/convention centres)

# Proof of Vaccination Exemption: Children & Medical Exemptions

- Children under 12
- Patrons under 18 entering the indoor premises of a sports and recreational facility in order to participate in an organized sport ONLY
- Patrons with a medical exemption (must present ID AND written document) – must have written documentation from a doctor or nurse stating they are exempt for a medical reason from COVID-19 vaccination

# Proof of Vaccination Exemption: Weddings, Funerals, Rites, & Ceremonies

- Proof of vaccination is NOT required if:
  - The service is held in a meeting or event space and you are attending the wedding, funeral service, rite, or ceremony but NOT the social gathering (e.g., reception)
  - The associated social gathering is held in a business licensed under the *Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act*

# Enforcement of Proof of Vaccination

- Who can enforce proof of vaccination?
  - All provincial offence officers: by-law, police, public health inspectors, regulatory officers from ministries & agencies
- Non-compliance by individuals and business can result in charges & fines
  - Provincial offence officers may take a measured approach to enforcing orders that balance public safety, health, & other risks businesses owners are managing
- Starting this week, officers are visiting businesses/organizations to raise awareness of new proof of vaccination requirements
  - Will also provide info on tools & resources to help businesses/orgs implement the necessary COVID-19 safety plan measures – e.g. workplace violence & harassment measures
- In the event of harassment or threats of violence, contact law enforcement



# FAQs:

## **How will I get proof of vaccination if I have a red and white health card?**

- Individuals can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact centre to arrange to receive their vaccine receipt (1-833-943-3900)

## **What if I don't have a health card?**

- Individuals can contact their local public health unit to have their identity verified and to receive a COVID ID/personal access code. Individuals can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact centre to arrange to receive their vaccine receipt (1-833-943-3900)

## **What if I don't have an address?**

- Individuals can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact centre to arrange to receive their vaccine receipt delivered to a trusted friend, family member, or community organization (1-833-943-3900)

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## **What if I don't have a printer?**

- The ministry is working on additional supports and services to assist residents who need help obtaining proof of vaccination, including requesting a copy to be sent by mail. Individuals can call the Provincial Vaccine contact centre or visit their local library or ask a friend, or organization to help print a copy

## **What if I got one of my vaccine's doses out of province/country?**

- Individuals should contact their local public health unit to record their information and receive an Ontario receipt that they can access or print from the provincial booking portal.