

City of Kawartha Lakes Proof of Vaccination Protocols

Effective September 22, 2021

Introduction

This document has been developed based upon 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](#)) 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 and 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 fully 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 before providing the 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 capacity limits, patron screening, masking, physical distancing and collection of patron 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 placing or picking up an order, including placing a bet or picking up winnings in the case of a horse racing track;
 - 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 indoor organization sport applies to training, practices, games and competitions. Examples of an organized sport for while the exemption applies include:
 - sports leagues
 - organized pick-up sports
- - dance classes
 - martial arts
 - swimming classes
- 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. Nor does the exemption apply to youth who are using a gym or other area with exercise equipment or weights unless actively participating in an organized sport.
- 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)", "RN(EC)", "Nurse Practitioner" or "NP") stating that the individual is exempt for medical reasons from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time-period for the medical reason.
Patrons with a medical exemption 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](#) (find a testing location, check your results, how to stop the spread of the virus)
- COVID-19 Patron Screening requirement website page
 - The COVID-19 Screening Tool for Businesses and Organizations (Screening Patrons) can be [downloaded](#) or patrons can complete the screening [online](#) and confirm the “good to go” result.
- [Provincial portal to download or print an electronic COVID-19 vaccine receipts](#)
- City of Kawartha Lakes Indoor Hall Use Protocols – effective September 22, 2021
- City of Kawartha Lakes Ice Use Protocols – effective September 22, 2021

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

Setting	Activity	Proof of Vaccination
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Indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities	Youth under 18 years of age actively participating in an organized sport, including training, practices, games and competitions. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sports leagues • organized pick-up sports (e.g., Public Skating programs and Public Swimming) • dance classes • martial arts • swimming classes 	Not required
	Youth under 18 years of age using a gym or other area with exercise equipment or weights.	Required*
	Youth spectating, including at sporting events	Required*
	Adult (18+) patrons accessing the facility for any purpose, including parents or guardians of youth participating in an organized sport.	Required*

* unless patron qualifies for an exemption

Note: Proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to an exemption) is not required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials.

Appendix B: Requirements for Funerals and Weddings

Event	Location	Proof of Vaccination
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Funerals		
Funeral services, rites or ceremonies	Any setting (including meeting or event spaces, places of worship, funeral establishments)	Not required
Social gatherings (e.g., receptions) associated with funeral service, rite or ceremony	Meeting or event spaces located in places of worship, funeral establishments, cemeteries, a crematorium and similar establishments	Not required
	Other meeting or event spaces (e.g., conference or conventions centres)	Required* Time limited testing exemption available September 22 to October 12, 2021, inclusive_
Weddings		
Wedding services, rites or ceremonies	Any setting (including meeting or event spaces, places of worship)	Not required
Social gatherings (e.g., receptions) associated with a wedding services, rite or ceremony	Any meeting or event spaces (including conference or conventions centres, places of worship)	Required* Time limited testing exemption available September 22 to October 12, 2021, inclusive)

*unless patron qualifies for an exemption