



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

INFORMATION SHEET

COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate Program

October 7, 2021

To stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep Ontario's businesses and services open, the province has begun a new public health measure. **Beginning September 22**, you need to show proof of vaccination to enter certain businesses and settings.

Where do I need to show proof of vaccination?

As of September 22, you need to show proof of vaccination to enter some non-essential spaces. These are public settings and businesses where it may not be possible to wear a mask all the time:

- Restaurants and bars
- Nightclubs
- Meeting and event spaces
- Fitness and recreation centres
- Sport and racing events
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming venues
- Concerts and movie theatres

For a full list of spaces, you can visit: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

What 'proof' do I need to show?

You will need to show proof that you have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. And that the second dose was received at least 14 days prior to entry.

Many people received a vaccine receipt at a clinic. This receipt shows the following information:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Last 4 digits of your health card
- Name of the vaccine
- Lot number
- Dose
- Site and time given
- Health authority



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You will need to show a print or digital copy of your vaccine record for your second dose. And one piece of personal i.d. to verify your identity.

What pieces of identification are accepted?

The piece of i.d. that you use should have your name and birthday on it. You do not need to show photo i.d. You could use:

- Status card/Indigenous membership card
- Government issued identification like a health card
- Driver's license
- Passport
- Birth certificate
- Citizenship or permanent residency card

Where can I access my vaccine records?

There are a few different ways you can get a copy of your vaccine records.

SLFNHA's Immunization Repository

Phone: 807-737-5196 or 807-737-5675

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday 8:30am – 6:00pm CST

Weekends and holidays 10:00am – 4:00pm CST

Email: immunizations@slfnha.com

COVID-19 Vaccination Portal

<https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/>



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Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre

Phone: 1-833-943-3900

Hours of Operation:

7:00am – 7:00pm CST, 7 days a week

ORNGE*

Email: healthrecords@ornge.ca

*Only if you were vaccinated during Operation Remote Immunity 1.0 or 2.0

What if there are mistakes on my records?

You can call the SLFNHA Immunization Repository to get this corrected.

What if I received one or two doses of the vaccine outside of Ontario?

If you received your COVID-19 vaccine in another province, contact your local public health unit.

For the Northwestern Health Unit, you can call 807-468-3147. If you call outside of work hours, the number is 807-468-7109.

For the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, you can call 807-625-5900. If you call outside of work hours, the number is 807-625-7451.

What if I have a medical exemption?

If there is a medical reason why you cannot get vaccinated at this time, you should speak with your healthcare provider. They can provide you with a document that you can show to enter public spaces.



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Who needs to show proof of vaccination?

This new measure applies to anyone who is 12 years of age or older.

What if I am not fully vaccinated?

If you are not fully vaccinated, you won't be able to access businesses and settings like the ones listed above. But you can still choose to get vaccinated against COVID-19. You can call your nursing station or healthcare provider to learn when the next vaccine clinic will be.

What if I am attending a wedding or funeral?

If the wedding or funeral is being held in a public event space or a place of worship, guests will need to show proof to attend. Until October 12th, you can show one of two things to attend:

- Proof of vaccination, OR
- Copy of a negative antigen COVID-19 test within 48 hours of the event

After October 12th, you will need to have proof of a second dose and a piece of personal i.d. to attend these events.

Do I need to show proof of vaccination when I travel?

Beginning on October 30th, 2021, anyone travelling on a plane or train will need to be fully vaccinated and show proof of their second dose to board. This also applies to anyone travelling on a marine vessel for more than 24 hours (e.g., cruise ship). There will be a transition period. Until November 30th, you can show a negative COVID-19 test result to board. The test must be completed within 72 hours of your travel. After November 30th, all passengers will need to be fully vaccinated.

Engagement with community leadership is on-going to help ensure that community members have access to essential services.

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Many provinces are running similar certificate programs. If you are travelling to Manitoba, you can use your Ontario vaccine records and i.d. to get access to businesses and public events.

To learn more about what documents you might need in other provinces, you can visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/vaccines/life-after-vaccination/vaccine-proof.html>

How long will I need to show proof to get in places?

It is unclear how long this program will last. But it is intended as a temporary measure to slow the spread of the virus and help keep businesses open during the fourth wave of the pandemic. Until we learn more, it is recommended that you keep a copy of your vaccine records with you. You can carry a paper copy in your wallet or bag. Or you can save a photo of it on your phone.

On October 22, 2021, a new phase of the program will begin. The province of Ontario is creating a digital vaccine certificate using a new app. It will be secure and private. You will have a QR code that is yours alone. Businesses and services will use an app that can read these QR codes and verify your vaccine status. You will still need to show a piece of i.d. Paper copies of vaccine records will still be accepted.

More information will be coming soon.

Questions?

Write to us at ACWinfo@slfnha.com or join us weekly for a Facebook Live Q and A with Dr. Lloyd Douglas, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm central time.

<https://www.slfnha.com/covid/covid-resources/covidvaccine/>

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/10/mandatory-covid-19-vaccination-requirements-for-federally-regulated-transportation-employees-and-travellers.html>

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