Enhanced Vaccine Certificate

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Provincial Regulations

As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with ID to access certain public settings and facilities. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes:

• 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).

https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000779/ontario-to-require-proof-of-vaccination-in-select-settings

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Current Practices

In addition to the new provincial regulations, the city of Burlington's health and safety practices remain, these include:

- Active screening
- Physical distancing
- Capacity limits
- Cleaning protocols
- Encouraging hand washing/ sanitizing

Proof of Vaccination is an additional measure added to this list as of Sept 22.

Regulations Requirements

In keeping with the provincial regulations and guidance, effective Sept. 22, 2021, individuals entering **indoor** facilities used for the following purposes (unless otherwise exempt) will be required to be fully vaccinated (as defined in the provincial guidance) and provide proof of vaccination, along with identification:

- Sports
- Recreational fitness activities
- Meetings
- Events

Planning for EVC

To prepare for this change, city employees have been busy doing:

- Interpretation of the regulations
- Understanding what our municipal colleagues are doing
- Preparing and implementing a communication plan – user groups
- Working to secure staff and a security company to implement the EVC
- Developing training documentation
- Onsite logistics (e.g. signage, set-up, stanchions, exemption process)
- Orientation video

EVC for Indoor Facilities

Person Entering INDOOR Facility	Vaccine Verification Required at Entry?	COB E-Screening Required at Entry?
Customer Service Enquiry/Transaction	✗	✓
Pick up (such as Play Lending or the Bistro)	✗	✓
Washroom Only	✗	✓
Access to Program Areas (including music, student theatre programs, gyms, pools, rinks and rooms)	✓ 12yrs+ Required	✓
Access to Changerooms and Dressing Rooms	✓ 12yrs+ Required	✓
Access to Spectator area	✓ 12yrs+ Required	✓
Non- Organized Sport and drop-in COB Programs(such as recreational swimming, skating, youth programs, etc.) or Community Rental Participant	✓ 12yrs+ Required	✓
Non-Organized Sport Community Rental Instructors, staff/volunteers	✓	✓ If not screened through their organization

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Person Entering INDOOR Facility	Vaccine Verification Required at Entry?	COB E-Screening Required at Entry?
ORGANIZED SPORT (training, practices, games, swimming lessons)		
Sport Participant or Athlete	✓ 18yrs+ Required	✗ screen through their organization
Swimming lessons	✓ 18yrs+ Required	✓
Swimming lessons (guardians/parents required when escorting child under 18yrs)	✗ Under 18yrs	✓
Volunteer, Coach or Official on duty	✗	✓ If not screen through their organization
Parents, Spectators	✓ 12yrs+ Required	✓

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Challenges and Risks

- Polarizing topic; challenges expected
- Confrontation at the entrances
- Staff shortages / security shortages
- Long lines due to manual process
- Various exemptions
- Utilizing school gyms
- Inconsistency between municipalities
- Some organizations have differing policies but all willing to assist

Questions?