

Proof of vaccination required at recreational facilities and other City sites

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Welland, ON – As of September 22, all entrants to some City facilities will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID.

This approach, as part of the provincial vaccine passport program, focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn. For City of Welland facilities, this includes meeting and event spaces, facilities used for sports and fitness, and sporting events at locations such as:

- City Hall (meeting rooms only at this time)
- Welland Community Wellness Centre (WCWC)
- Welland Arena on King Street
- Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC)
- Chippawa Park Community Centre
- Hooker Street Community Centre

"We have followed the public health and provincial guidance throughout this pandemic, and complying with the province's proof of vaccination system continues to ensure our resident's safety as they enjoy our facilities," said Steve Zorbas, CAO. "Staff are preparing for this added level of safety and will do everything possible to make it as smooth and uninterrupted a process as possible."

For a limited period (on or after September 22, 2021, but before October 13, 2021), for indoor social gatherings associated with weddings and funerals (in meeting and event spaces) the negative result of a COVID-19 antigen test may be provided instead of proof of being fully vaccinated.

The province is developing an enhanced vaccine certificate with a unique QR code and accompanying verification app to allow users to securely and safely verify their vaccination status when scanned. The enhanced vaccine certificate and a verification app to enable businesses to read the QR code will be available beginning October 22. City staff will adopt this method when available.

For more on the City's guide to reopening and the health and safety measures in place to keep visitors to all City sites and facilities safe, read the [reopening document](#).

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