

## Welland Arena to only accept printed or digital QR-coded vaccination passports beginning December 6

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**Welland, ON** – The City of Welland Arena is moving to the QR code system only (paper or electronic), along with corresponding proof of identification, to align with neighbouring municipalities beginning December 6.

This change ensures ease of access and review upon entry to the arena and keeps staff and the public safe.

“The idea behind the passports isn’t to make life difficult for people, but to keep everyone safe when in our buildings and arena,” said Rob Axiak, director of community services. “We know that municipalities in Niagara have faced this challenge, and we hope that by proactively making this switch, we can avoid any forgeries in Welland.”

Leading up to December 6, Welland Arena staff will inform visitors of the forthcoming change.

In addition to the change in vaccine passport acceptance, Welland Arena staff will be reminding and closely monitoring visitors to the arena are wearing a face-covering while spectating.

Face-coverings are required at all times, and must cover the nose, mouth, and chin unless consuming food or beverages.

To download your QR-coded proof of vaccination, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof/> and follow the instructions.

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