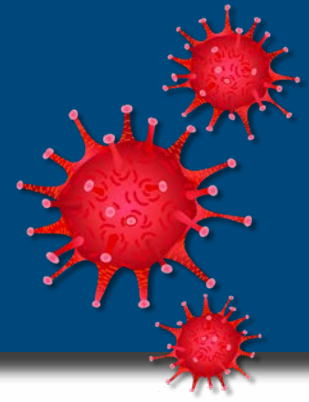


# Durham Region Health Department

# Requirement for Proof of Vaccination



The following businesses and premises are required to ask patrons for proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 before entering the premises, subject to exemptions. Patrons intending to enter the following areas of businesses must have a valid digital or printed copy of their enhanced COVID-19 vaccination certificate along with a proof of identity to present to the business. Starting January 4, 2022, all patrons must show the enhanced certificate with a QR code at any business that is required to have proof of vaccination upon entry. Businesses are required to use the Verify Ontario application (app) on a mobile device to confirm the vaccination certificate.

Business/Organization	Exemption	Additional Information
<b>Indoor dining areas of restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments</b>	Excludes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outdoor patios</li> <li>• entry to the indoor areas for take-out, delivery, washroom use</li> <li>• access the outdoor area using an indoor route</li> </ul>	Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 is required at dining areas of take-out facilities (e.g. food courts, quick service restaurants with seating).
<b>Indoor and outdoor areas of food or drink establishments with dance facilities</b>	Excludes take-out and delivery only.	
<b>Indoor areas of meeting and events spaces</b>	Excludes rentals for funeral services or wedding ceremonies.	Exemption <b>does not</b> include the social gathering after the funeral or wedding service.
<b>Outdoor areas of meeting and event spaces with a normal maximum capacity of 20,000 or more people</b>		
<b>Indoor areas of casinos, bingo halls, and other gaming establishments</b>		

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Business/Organization	Exemption	Additional Information
<b>Indoor areas of concert venues, theatres, and cinemas</b>		
<b>Outdoor areas of concert venues, theatres and cinemas with a normal maximum capacity of 20,000 or more people</b>		
<b>Indoor areas of recreational fitness facilities and other facilities used for sports and fitness activities</b>	Individuals under 12 years of age are exempted from proof of vaccination.	Organized sports include training, practices, classes, games, organized pick up games, and competitions.  Youth and adults spectating inside the facility <b>are not exempted</b> from proof of full vaccination.
<b>Outdoor areas of recreational fitness facilities and other facilities used for sports and fitness activities with a normal maximum capacity of 20,000 or more people</b>		Starting December 20, 2021, individuals over 12 years of age participating in an organized sport must provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 prior to entry into the indoor area of the sport/recreational fitness facility.  Staff and volunteers that are coaching, teaching, instructing, officiating, or participating in an organized sport must provide proof of vaccination upon entry into the indoor sport/recreational fitness facility, subject to limited exemptions.
<b>Indoor areas of horse racing, car racing tracks, and other similar venues</b>	Excludes entry to place or pick up a bet or winnings for horse racing tracks.	
<b>Outdoor areas of horse racing, car racing tracks, and other similar venues with a normal maximum capacity of 20,000 or more people</b>		
<b>Indoor areas of strip clubs</b>		
<b>Indoor areas of film and TV production with a studio audience</b>	Excludes cast and crew members.	

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## Proof of vaccination exemptions

- Workers, contractors, maintenance workers, volunteers, and inspectors. Except those that are coaching, instructing, officiating, or participating in an organized sport.
- Children under the age of 12 years old.
- Temporary access to:
  - Use the washroom
  - Retail purchase
  - Placing or picking up an order or bet
  - Paying for an order
  - Purchasing an admission
  - Outdoor area that can only be accessed through an indoor route
  - For purpose of health and safety
- Patrons entering a premise for the purpose of a wedding ceremony or funeral service.
- Patrons with a medical exemption from a doctor (MD), nurse practitioner, or a registered nurse of extended class. **As of January 10, 2022, a written medical exemption will no longer be accepted to access businesses and organizations that require proof of vaccination.**
- Patrons that are currently participating in a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial authorized by Health Canada.

## What is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19?

A fully vaccinated individual is someone who has received:

- A full series or combination of COVID-19 vaccine approved by Health Canada:
  - Moderna (2 doses)
  - Pfizer-BioNTech (2 doses)
  - AstraZeneca (2 doses)
  - Janssen - Johnson & Johnson (1 dose), or
- One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not approved by Health Canada and followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine approved by Health Canada or
- Three doses of COVID-19 vaccine not approved by Health Canada: **and**
- 14 days has passed after their final dose of vaccination.

## Where to get your vaccination receipt?

The proof of COVID-19 vaccination certificate with a QR code can be obtained by accessing your records through the Province of Ontario's website: <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/>. Vaccination receipts can be printed or kept on your phone as a digital copy. If you are using a red and white health card, you will have to contact the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.

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## What if I received my vaccination from outside of Ontario?

Patrons are responsible to provide a vaccination record with their name, date of birth, and their vaccination status that meets the criteria of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Verify Ontario application is able to scan and read official government issued QR codes issued by other Canadian Provinces, territories or health authorities. To view the most updated list, visit [Verify Ontario](#).

Durham Region residents that received their COVID-19 vaccination from other provinces, territories and countries can submit their vaccination certificate to Durham Region Public Health for verification in order to get an Ontario enhanced vaccination certificate with a QR code. Individuals can submit their vaccination record by following the instructions at <https://forms.durham.ca/Health/COVID-19-Vaccine-Receipt>.

## How do I verify out-of-province proof of vaccination?

A receipt from another province, territory or country will look different than a receipt from Ontario. If someone gives you a receipt that is not from Ontario, look for the person's name, date of birth, number of doses and name of the vaccine they received (for example, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech or AstraZeneca).

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## Methods of Confirming Proof of Vaccination

Starting January 4, 2022, all required businesses must use the Verify Ontario app on a mobile device to confirm a patron's enhanced vaccination certificate. Patrons are required to have an enhanced vaccination certificate with a QR code.

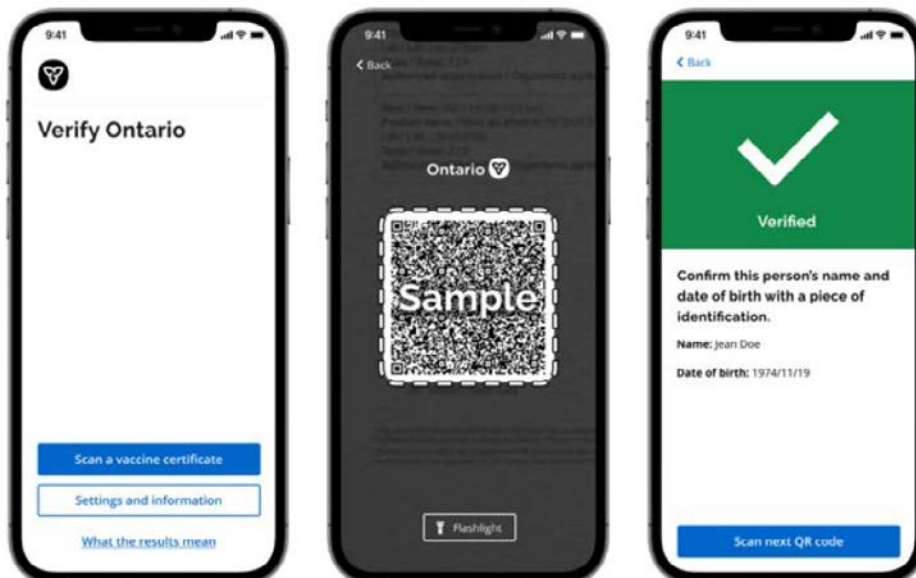
### Verify Ontario and QR Code Method

Currently the only authorized proof of vaccination verification app is Verify Ontario. The mobile device must be equipped with a camera.

1. Businesses can download the Verify Ontario app from Apple's App Store or Google Play. Ensure the app is from the Government of Ontario.



2. When a patron presents their proof of vaccination with a QR code, the business will select "Scan a vaccine certificate" and the camera will open. The user must align the QR code within the box on the app and it will automatically scan the QR code to provide you with the result.



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3. The app will produce one of the following results:
  - a. **Verified:** Vaccine certificate meets the definition of fully vaccinated
  - b. **Invalid Certificate:** This certificate does not meet the definition of fully vaccinated
  - c. **There is a problem:** The app was unable to scan the QR code or the QR code was not issued by the Province of Ontario. Manual verification may be required.

 <b>Verified</b>	<b>Verified as fully vaccinated:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The QR code matches the criteria for entrance</li> <li>Please present your ID for confirmation</li> </ul>
 <b>Invalid certificate</b>	<b>Does not meet one of the criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual is partially vaccinated or</li> <li>14 Days from second dose have not passed</li> </ul>
 <b>There is a problem</b>	<b>Scan failed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The QR code could not be scanned or</li> <li>From a 3rd party issuer unsupported by the app</li> </ul>

4. If **“Verified”**, the business must confirm the name and date of birth on the Verify Ontario app with the patron’s piece of identification. If the indicators match, the patron is permitted into the business. If **“Invalid Certificate”** or **“There is a problem”** appears, the business can manually confirm the certificate but if it is not valid or does not have the correct indicators, the patron shall not enter a business that requires proof of vaccination.

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## Verifying Proof of Vaccination Manually (when applicable)

COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination / Preuve de vaccination contre la COVID-19

Issuing Province / Territory  
Province / Territoire de délivrance

Country of issuance /  
Pays d'émission

**Ontario** 

**Canada** 

**Name / Nom : Doe, Jane Liz**

**Date of birth / Date de naissance : 02 JUL / JUIL 1985**

SMART Health Cards QR Code / Code QR de la carte Santé SMART



**Vaccinations administered / Vaccins reçus : 2**

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**Date : 05 FEB / FÉV 2021**  
Product / Produit : MODERNA COVID-19 mRNA-1273  
Lot : 818364

**Date : 05 JAN / JAN 2021**  
Product / Produit : MODERNA COVID-19 mRNA-1273  
Lot : Not available / Non disponible

The patron is required to present a certificate with a QR code. The enhanced vaccination certificate will also contain the following information:

- 1. The name and date of birth of the patron. This should match the patron's proof of identity.**
- 2. Receipt must be issued by the Ontario government or Indigenous Health Provider or issued in another jurisdiction.**
- 3. Date of vaccination and number of doses. Fully vaccinated is 14 days since the date of the last dose as per the number of doses required for each approved vaccine.**

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## Providing a medical exemption

Patrons who are unable to be fully vaccinated due to an active [medical exemption](#) need to show the following two items:

- valid personal identification
- medical exemption by downloading and showing their enhanced vaccination certificate with official QR code

## Proof of Identification

The person's identification must be issued by an institution or public body and show the name of the identification holder and their date of birth along with their vaccination receipt or medical exemption.

**A photo identification is not required.**

Examples of identification:

- Birth certificate
- Citizenship card
- Driver's licence
- Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including health card
- Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card
- Passport
- Permanent Resident card

If the name and date of birth on the identification does not match the vaccination receipt or medical exemption, the patron is not allowed to enter the business or organization.

For youths 12-17, documents are flexible and identification is only required to confirm the person's name and date of birth - government identification can be used for this purpose; however, is not the only type of ID accepted. Proof of identify can be established using documentation issued by an institution or public body, provided it includes the name of the holder and date of birth. Photocopies and digital versions of ID are permitted for use by youth but not intended for adults.

## Resources

For more information about the mandatory proof of vaccination against COVID-19, please visit the Ontario Ministry of Health's guidance documents.

**Proof of Vaccination Information for Business and Organizations:** <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/proof-vaccination-information-businesses-and-organizations>



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