

Current COVID-19 Rules Applicable to Indoor Recreation Facilities

September 20, 2021

Overview

The City of Windsor is considered to be at Stage 3 of the Steps to Reopening under *Ontario Regulation 363/20* passed pursuant to the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*. Accordingly, it is subject to the rules set out in *Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step*.

As of September 22, 2021 *Ontario Regulation 645/21* adds a new Section 2.1 to the existing *Ontario Regulation 264/20, schedule 1*, providing additional rules for certain facilities with respect to requiring proof of vaccination of participants.

In order to avoid confusion for the public and staff locally, as well as continue to increase the numbers of vaccinations throughout our region, Windsor City Council has approved the administrative recommendation that all individuals 12 and older be fully vaccinated regardless of their purpose for attending.

This includes the following indoor Recreation and Culture facilities:

- WFCU Centre Community Pool
- Windsor International Aquatic and Training Centre

Definition of “Fully Vaccinated”

For the purposes of the proof of vaccination requirements, a person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if:

(a) they have received,

(i) the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines; currently Health Canada has approved AstraZeneca Vaxzevria, Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty, Moderna Spikevax and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccines,

(ii) one (1) or two (2) doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one (1) dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada; currently, Health Canada approved mRNA vaccines are Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty and Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccines, or

(iii) three (3) doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and

(b) they received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least **fourteen (14) days** before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

Acceptable Proof of Vaccination

- an Ontario receipt issued at the time of vaccination,
- any format of receipt downloaded or a screenshot from Ontario.ca that shows the holder is fully vaccinated against COVID-19,
- a receipt signed by an Indigenous Health Provider,
- a receipt or confirmation from another jurisdiction (e.g. USA) that shows the holder is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or
- a QR code provided by the Province of Ontario for the purposes of verifying vaccination status, once available.

Note - the date of administration of the final shot in the vaccine series must be at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date the participant is seeking access to the business or organization.

Exemptions

The proof of vaccination requirement does NOT apply in the following cases:

- Where a participant or spectator is under 12 years of age
- A participant provides a written document completed and supplied by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class, that sets out in accordance with the Ministry of Health's guidance, a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and the effective time period for the medical reason.

Acceptable Proof of Identity

Validation of vaccination will be based on two key identifiers:

1. Name of the identification holder; and
2. Date of birth.

Note, according to the guidance, **a photo identification is NOT required.**

Proof of identity can be established using documentation issued by an institution or public body, provided it includes the name of the holder and date of birth. Examples of identification documents that may be used to confirm the identity of the holder of the vaccine receipt include:

- 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

When You Arrive – effective Wednesday, September 22, 2021:

Plan to arrive on site with sufficient time to ensure all the required pre-entrance verifications are completed. We are training staff this week and we all need time to become accustomed to these new processes. Lines should be expected and we appreciate your patience. Aggressive and/or intimidating behaviour, harassment or coarse language will not be tolerated.

Step 1: Complete your COVID Screening at <https://publicscreening.citywindsor.ca> and staff will verify

To reduce time at the door, you are encouraged to complete the screening online in advance. If passed, a confirmation email will be sent which can be provided to staff at the entrance to the facility.

Step 2: Staff will verify your proof of full vaccination

Step 3: Staff will verify your proof of identification

Step 4: Once all three steps above are verified, you will be able to enter the facility.

For more information regarding proof of vaccination, please visit:

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