



Public Notice

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Proof of Vaccinations and Visiting the County of Brant's Community Centres

County of Brant, ON – The Province of Ontario has issued a mandatory proof of vaccination requirement which comes into effect on September 22, 2021. The purpose of the proof of vaccination requirement is to help control the spread of COVID-19 in the community and protect the health and wellbeing of citizens, healthcare workers and the healthcare system. The proof of vaccination requirement requires people to provide proof of being fully vaccinated* prior to entering the indoor area of recreational facilities such as the County's community centres and arenas.

Who needs to provide proof of vaccination or proof of qualifying for an exemption and identification prior to entering the indoor area of the facility?

Sports:

- People over 18 years of age actively participating in an organized sport, including training, practices, games and competitions.
- Please note, some leagues and associations have more stringent policies in place and you may be required to comply with those policies.
- Sports include: Hockey, Ringette, Figure skating, Soccer, Short-mat bowling, Learn to Skate, Polar Bears and Penguins Hockey, Pound Fitness, Yoga, Cardio Combo 55+, Boxing, Zumba, Range of Motion, Yoga Fit, Everyday Fitness.

Programs, other than organized sports:

- Registered and drop-in recreational program participants who are 12 years and above.
- Programs include: Count Craftula, Rudolph's Playtime and Brant Youth Centres Programs.

Parents, guardians and spectators who are 12 years and above must provide proof of vaccination.

Please note, all children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a vaccinated parent or guardian in order to access recreation facilities.

Those who need to use the washroom, would like to make a purchase such as a dog park membership, make a payment or have an exemption letter from an approved medical professional, do not need to provide proof of vaccination. However, wearing a mask and practicing physical distancing remain in effect.

How do I get a copy of my proof of vaccination?

All Ontarians receiving a vaccine, whether at first dose or second dose, are provided a receipt at the time of vaccination. A paper copy of the receipt is provided on site and an email version is sent to the email address provided by the vaccine recipient for the person's records. Vaccination receipts can be downloaded or printed through the COVID-19 vaccination provincial portal

<https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/> or obtained by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1.833.943.3900. In October, the Province of Ontario will offer a digital means to provide proof of vaccination.

What identification do I need to provide?

Visitors will be required to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and proof of identification to enter. Proof of vaccination will be accepted if the **person's name** and **date of birth** on their identification document matches the name and date of birth on the vaccination receipt and if the person is fully vaccinated. Photo identification is not required.

What to expect when you arrive at the County's Community Centre:

At the entrance to the facility, a County of Brant Representative will ask:

- The reason for your visit to determine if 'Proof of Vaccination' is required for entry
- You to scan the QR Code and enter COVID-19 Health Screening and contact tracing information
- If required, ask for 'Proof of a Vaccine Certificate' (paper copy or electronic copy) as well as provide a form of identification. Identification may include:
 - Birth certificate
 - Citizenship card
 - Driver's licence
 - Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including health card¹
 - Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card
 - Passport
 - Permanent Resident card
- If required, provide documentation for a Medical Exemption (written documentation provided by a physician (designated as "MD") or a registered nurse in the extended class) and a form of identification.

Due to the time needed to review documents upon entry, participants and family members are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled program.

Youth participants and spectators are encouraged to take a photo of their identification, such as a birth certificate, to keep in their phone for ease of review for proof of age.

Physical distancing and masks are required throughout the facility except by participants while engaged in the sport or fitness activity.

If you'd like more information about vaccination clinics, please visit www.bchu.org.

For more information about COVID-19 and the County of Brant, visit www.brant.ca/COVID, call 519.44BRANT (519.442.7268), 1.855.44BRANT or email info@brant.ca.

**An individual is considered fully vaccinated if they have received:*

- *The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines,*
- *One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or*
- *Three doses of COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and*
- *They received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.*

¹ Individuals may voluntarily offer an Ontario health card (issued under the *Health Insurance Act*) for identification purposes. Individuals are not required to produce their health card as a form of identification.