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COVID-19 Update – Proof of Vaccination Status Update

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The [Provincial Health Order](#) regarding proof of vaccination status was released on September 11 under an updated *Gathering and Events Order*. While the official Order clarifies some specifics related to proof of vaccination status further clarification has been given by the Provincial Government on their [Proof of Vaccination webpage](#) today and viaSport has outlined details as well specific to sport.

Facilities and municipalities can apply the restrictions differently for their facility and may increase the restrictions. As the user groups' ringette Club-Associations and Leagues should adhere to the direction from the facilities first and then follow any further direction provided by viaSport and Ringette BC.

Children and Youth Ringette (U19 and below):

Participants in Children and Youth programs are **not** required to show proof of vaccination status. Children and youth programs are for persons under 22 years of age (0-21 years). Individuals who are responsible for the supervision or direct delivery of a children and youth ringette program are also **not required** to show proof of vaccination status.

- *“program for children or youth” means a structured educational program, including home education or distributed learning, music, art, drama, dance, recreational, sport, exercise, or social activity supervised by an adult and provided for persons under 22 years of age;” - [Gathering and Events Order](#), p 4.*

Applicable to Ringette:

- That participants on the ice or in the gym participating in ringette activities are exempt from showing proof of vaccination status.
- All Individuals or Adult Supervisors directly responsible for delivery of the Youth and Children sport program.
 - Including: Coaches, officials, trainers, and designated volunteers, major and minor officials.
 - Ringette BC is awaiting further clarification about how far this exemption extends.

Adult Ringette (18+ and Masters)

Participants' in adult sport **must** show proof of vaccination status in order to participate in ringette regardless of group size. This includes all 18+ athletes and Masters players, as well as, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.

Athletes who are under 22 years of age who are participating in adult ringette teams will not be exempt as they are participating in adult sport.

- *"b. a gathering of participants in an inside place for the purpose of an adult sports activity, or an exercise, fitness or dance activity or class;" - [Gathering and Events Order](#), p 7.*

Proof of Vaccination Required:

Participants in 18+ and Masters ringette teams will be required to show proof of vaccination status along with Government Issue ID in order to enter facilities to participate in ringette

Spectators:

Spectators should follow all facility requirements regarding proof of vaccination for parents and guardians, siblings, and other attendees who are not participating in the ringette activities.

1. Children under 12 years of age are exempt from showing proof of vaccination status.
2. If children and youth between the ages of 12 - 18 years of age are entering a facility and are not participants in the activity they will likely be asked to show proof of vaccination status to enter. They will not be required to show Government ID. ([Proof of Vaccination website](#)).
3. Spectators who are 19 years of age and older will be required to show proof of vaccination status and Government Issue ID.
 - *"a) in the case of a person who is more than 18 years of age, photo identification and proof in one of the following forms that the holder is vaccinated:
 - i. electronic proof or a printed copy of an electronic proof" – [Gathering and Events Order](#), p 8-9.*

Coaching and Referee Development and Training

In person clinics, training, and meetings that are provided in an educational setting are subject to the requirements of indoor "events" under the Public Health Order. As per the Order if the group is smaller than 50 people proof of vaccination is not required. However, facilities and meeting spaces may have different rules regarding in person meetings, which Ringette BC will adhere to.

If a course or clinic includes a practical, on-ice session this will fall under "adult indoor sport" under the Public Health Order and will require that all attendees must be able to show proof of vaccination status regardless of group size.

Dates and Timelines:

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Individuals will need to show that they have received at least one dose of vaccine in order to attend events and participate in non-essential activities including sports and recreation. Information related to vaccination status and steps to retrieve your proof of vaccination status can be found on the BC [Government Proof of Vaccination website](#).

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From September 13-26 the following list of options can be used to show proof of vaccination status in BC:

- [Wallet-sized immunization record card](#) (given out at vaccine clinics)
- Printed immunization record from Health Gateway
- Immunization record from your pharmacy (AstraZeneca/SII COVISHIELD)
- [National Defence Canada COVID-19 vaccine record or card](#)
- [Provincial Immunization Registry record](#) (used by Interior Health and others)
- [ImmunizeBC record](#) (used by First Nations Health Authority and others)
- Health authority immunization records:
 - [Fraser Health](#)
 - [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
 - [Northern Health](#)

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Individuals will need to show that they are fully vaccinated in order to access some events, businesses, and services.

Proof of Vaccination Status: Event Organizers

As per the Order¹, event organizers will be required to confirm proof of vaccination status along with verifying it against a valid piece of Government ID². The majority of facilities and municipalities are defining the user group as the “event organizer”. This transfers the responsibility for checking proof of vaccination status onto the Ringette Club-Association as they are the user group.

Tracking Vaccination Status:

Ringette BC is looking at options for Club-Associations to record individuals such as players, officials, coaches, and volunteers who regularly access facilities to be kept so that consistent event attendees do not have to show proof of vaccination status every time they come to ringette.

¹ [Gathering and Events Order](#) p. 3

² [Gathering and Events Order](#), p 9

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. Ringette BC will be updating the COVID-19 Resource Hub as new information is released from viaSport and the Provincial Health Officer.

Sincerely,

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Relevant links:

[Provincial Health Order – Gatherings and Events Proof of Vaccination Status](#)

[Province –wide Restrictions Government page](#)

[BC Restart Plan 2.0](#)

[Ringette BC Message Board](#)

[Proof of Vaccination website](#)

[Mask Mandate Announcement from PHO](#)