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COVID-19 Update – Proof of Vaccination Status

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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* and further updates were released on September 13.

Ringette BC would also like to thank all of the volunteers who have been working very hard to get the ringette season up and running and having been working to implement the COVID-19 protocols and proof of vaccination status processes within their local Associations and facilities. As a reminder everyone working in ringette is a volunteer and is trying very hard to keep the children and youth of the sport playing.

Ringette BC has been awaiting clarification about spectators and the details related to proof of vaccination status. In an effort to help alleviate some confusion and conflicting information Ringette BC has released the information below to help provide some clarity to participants and Ringette Club-Associations.

Proof of Vaccination Status:

Until further notice Ringette BC is advising that all Club Associations adhere to their facility protocols regarding vaccination status for spectators and parents and guardians. Ringette BC will communicate once an update from viaSport and the Provincial Health Officer have been released.

Facilities and municipalities can apply the restrictions differently for their facility and as a user group ringette will need to adhere to those restrictions. We understand that there will be difference from facility to facility and municipality to municipality and health region to health region. It is up to the Ringette Association to know their specific facility protocols and communicate them. It is the responsibility of the all ringette participants and users to adhere to those protocols and respect them.

In the event there are discrepancies between facility rules and the details outlined below please adhere to the strictest protocols.

Facility Restrictions

Parents and Guardians, Spectators

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

Other Facility Restrictions:

If facilities require other participants to show proof of vaccination status, such as, coaches, officials and potentially participants, to enter the facility please adhere to the facility protocols.

Children and Youth Ringette (U19 and below):

Adhere to your facility restrictions for parents, guardians, and spectators attending ringette activities.

Participants in Children and Youth programs are **not** required to show proof of vaccination status.

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.

Adult Ringette (18+ and Masters)

Participants in Adult ringette programs, Open (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. This includes: all athletes, officials, coaches, spectators and volunteers.

Other Updates:

Ringette is operating under Stage 3 of the Return to Ringette Guidelines. Under Stage 3 health checks are recommended, they are NOT required. Attendance Tracking is also not required; **however**, capacity limits for facilities must be followed and attendance tracking can assist with managing group size.

Communicable Disease Plans are required and masks are mandatory indoors when not on the field of play. To view the full mask mandate please review the August 25 update from Ringette BC.

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](#)