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## The Corporation of the City of Stratford Policy Manual

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### **Proof of Vaccination – Community Services Indoor Facilities**

Policy Statement:

As of **September 22, 2021**, the Ontario government will require patrons to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status and proof of identification to enter certain businesses and organizations, with a focus on higher-risk indoor public settings.

**Scope:**

Settings where patrons must be fully vaccinated include:

- Indoor areas where spectators watch sporting events
- Indoor areas of casinos, bingo halls, and other gaming establishments.
- Indoor areas of facilities for sports and recreational fitness activities, including personal fitness training
- Indoor areas of meeting and event spaces (e.g., banquet halls and conference / convention centres)

A person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 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 a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada.
- They received their final dose of COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

**Procedure:**

Effective on **September 22, 2021**, to enter the City of Stratford Community Services facilities, including the Rotary Complex, Burnside Agriplex, William Allman Arena, and Dufferin Arena, with limited exemptions:

- The patron must provide proof of being fully vaccinated and proof of identification at the point of entry.
- Screening and entry staff must review and confirm the proof.
- Other public health and workplace safety measures will still apply, including masking and active COVID-19 screening.

Patrons include players, participants, coaching staff, team staff, parent/guardian supervisors, spectators, volunteers, and officials.

**If a patron makes the decision to not disclose their vaccination status, they will not be permitted to enter the City of Stratford Community Services facilities.**

**Exemptions:**

In settings where proof of vaccination is required, patrons do not need to prove they are fully vaccinated in the following circumstances:

Individuals under a certain age:

- Children under the age of 12.
- Patrons under 18 years of age who are entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational facilities solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport, in accordance with Ministry of Health guidance.

***Note: Spectators that are above the age of 12 are required to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status and proof of identification to be permitted entry.***

Patrons with a written document by a physician or a nurse practitioner, stating that they are exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time period:

- Must present identification and a written document.

Examples of identification documents to confirm the proof of identity 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

Everyone entering the facilities is required to complete COVID-19 active screening and must wear a face mask or face covering. All coaches and team staff are required to wear a face mask or face covering in all areas of the facilities including the dressing rooms, change rooms, and team benches.