

Proof of Vaccination Policy

September 2021

Current Status / Background

- Given the 4th wave, Nova Scotia will implement a proof of full vaccination (POV) policy - effective Oct 4
- Due to current epidemiology in the province and region, on Sept 14, province announced start of phase 5 will be delayed until Oct 4, when the POV policy comes into effect
- When restrictions are loosened to allow larger gatherings, the POV policy will allow these gatherings to happen as safely as possible
- It also gives public health time to monitor current clusters and any spread
- Until Oct 4, phase 4 restrictions – masking, physical distancing and gathering limits – apply
- 79.6% of Nova Scotians have received at least one dose of vaccine; 73.6% are fully vaccinated; and 75.1% are either fully vaccinated or have an appointment scheduled for 2nd dose.

Proof of Vaccination (POV)

- The POV policy is a time-limited requirement for attendees at certain activities/events/settings to be fully vaccinated (like Que, Man, BC, Ont, NFLD) – effective Oct 4
- Canada has set POV standards, including a QR code, that all provinces will be following to support international travel (fall 2021)
- NS will move to a more sophisticated digital-based system that reads a QR code and displays just vaccination status (no other information)
- In the short term, the existing POV will be used locally to demonstrate vaccination status
- There will be a process to ensure that NS residents that got vaccinated outside NS's vaccine program can get a NS POV; effective Oct 1

Nova Scotia Vaccine Receipts

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Your Digital Immunization Record

Below you can find a summary of your COVID-19 vaccination record.

Charles McMaster
Date of Birth: January 1, 1973

Received Vaccinations

- COVID-19**
PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 mRNA
Lot Number: EL1406
Received on June 6, 2021
Dose: 1
- COVID-19**
PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 mRNA
Lot Number: EP6775
Received on August 23, 2021
Dose: 2

Upcoming Vaccinations

No Upcoming Vaccinations
[Book an Appointment](#)

Current Receipt

COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination / Preuve de vaccination contre la COVID-19

Province, Territory / Province, Territoire: **Yukon** Country / Pays: **Canada**

Name / Nom : **Doe, Jane Liz**
Date of birth / Date de naissance : **1985-11-02**

SMART Health Cards QR
Code QR de la carte Santé SMART

Vaccines administered / Vaccins administrés

Dose : **2 / 2**
Date : **2021-02-05**
Product / Produit : **Moderna Covid-19**
Country of vaccination / Pays de vaccination : **CAN**
Lot : **873732**

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New Receipt (Starting early October) will be modified to align to the Federal Standard

POV Key Points

- Application to activities/events/settings:
 - the POV policy will apply primarily to venues and settings that facilitate gathering of 2+ people that could also be considered discretionary.
- Application to staff:
 - staff will not be included in the POV policy; however, employers are responsible to ensure the safety of their employees and may chose to put workplace policies in place (vaccine/continued PPE)

POV Key Points

- Newly eligible 12-yr-olds – those who turned 12 between Jan 1 and Oct 4, 2021 - will have until Dec. 31 to attend events and activities while they get vaccinated
- Children who turn 12 after Oct 4 will have three months from their birthday
- 13 to 18-year-olds who can provide proof of 1 dose can participate in sport, recreation, arts and culture programming hosted by a business or organization. To continue participating, you must provide proof of full vaccination by Nov 9
- Exception process – will apply to valid medical reasons

Activities/events where POV applies:

- Full-service restaurants where patrons sit at tables to be served, both indoors and on patios
- Liquor licensed establishments, casinos and other gaming establishments, both indoors and on patios
- Indoor and outdoor fitness and recreation facilities such as gyms, yoga studios, pools and arenas, as well as fitness classes
- Indoor and outdoor leisure facilities and businesses such as dance and music lessons, climbing facilities, escape rooms, pottery painting, indoor play places, arcades, shooting ranges, go-carts and outdoor adventure
- Indoor and outdoor festivals, special events, and arts and culture events and venues such as theatre performances, concerts and movie theatres, unless they are outdoor events held in public spaces with no specific entry point, such as Nocturne
- Participants and spectators for indoor and outdoor sports practices, games, competitions and tournaments
- Indoor and outdoor extracurricular school-based activities, including sports
- Bus, boat and walking tours
- Museums, public libraries and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
- Indoor and outdoor events and activities such as receptions, social events, conferences and training that are hosted by a recognized business or organization
- Indoor and outdoor wedding and funeral ceremonies, receptions and visitation that are hosted by a recognized business or organization

POV does not apply:

- Retail stores
- Financial institutions
- Food establishments that primarily offer fast food, takeout and delivery
- Professional services such as accountants and lawyers
- Personal services such as hair salons, barber shops, spas and body art
- Health-care services and health professions such as doctors' offices, dental care, massage therapy and physiotherapy
- Rental accommodations such as hotel rooms, cottages and campgrounds
- Faith services
- School-based activities that take place during the school day, before and after school programs and school buses
- Business meetings and other activities where the general public is not present
- Places where government services are offered
- Food banks, shelters, Family Resource Centres and adult day programs for seniors or people with disabilities
- Informal gatherings at a private residence
- Mental health and addiction support group meetings

Compliance

- Inspectors will conduct compliance checks at the discretionary locations that are required to comply with the policy on vaccinations.
- The compliance check will include ensuring the operator/owner has a system in place to ensure compliance with the proof of vaccination policy, as well as ensuring compliance with others aspects of the Health Protection Order that may apply.
- Inspectors will educate the operator/owner as needed about the proof of vaccination requirements, and will take enforcement action if required, considering the risk to public health and the willingness of the owner/operator to comply.
- Enforcement action could include fines for non compliance of \$2,422.00 per individual or \$11,622.50 per corporation and could include closure of the discretionary location or event until such time as they comply.

Community Support for Nova Scotians

- Some Nova Scotians, including seniors and members of vulnerable populations, may need help and assistance with this policy.
- Government:
 - has provided a service to support people with getting their vaccine record
 - will develop signage and other supports, and communicate details of the POV policy and what is required through broad communications.
- We ask that you, as stakeholders and community organizations, do what you can to provide help and support to people who may need it (i.e. in printing documents, helping them with what they need to show, etc.) in the roll-out of this policy.
- Thank you for your help!

Questions for Discussion

1. Are there any operational considerations to your sector and/or organization?
2. What will be helpful to your organization/sector in the roll-out and implementation of POV?

Next Steps

- Thank you for your input. It will help inform the work we do, and the supports developed.
- We will continue to work with your sector in the lead up to Oct 4 and once the POV policy is in effect, and keep you informed, as more is known and decisions are made.
- For the latest info, visit: www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus/proof-of-full-vaccination-policy/. This page will continue to be updated.
- If you have questions, send nseconomy@novascotia.ca