



Vaccine card

FAQs

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What is the BC Vaccine Card?

- The BC Vaccine Card will allow people to securely show their proof of vaccination using a digital or paper version to access certain events, services and businesses.
- By order of the provincial health officer, starting September 13 proof of vaccination will be required to access some events, services and businesses. The easiest way to show proof is using the BC Vaccine Card (with a government issued photo ID).
- The provincial government introduced the BC Vaccine Card to boost vaccinations and promote a feeling of confidence and safety when participating in indoor activities.

How can I get my BC Vaccine Card?

- Visit gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard.
- Login using your date of birth, personal health number, and date you got dose 1 or 2.
- Once your unique QR code has been created, you can save a digital version to your device or print a paper copy.

Which Saanich facilities/activities will require proof of vaccination?

- By order of the provincial health officer, all four Saanich recreation centres will require proof of vaccination (with a government issued photo ID) to enter the facility.

Required:*

- **NEW:** all **adults** participating in **swimming activities**, including classes such as Aquafit
- **NEW:** all **youth** (ages 12 – 21) participating in **drop-in swimming activities**, including lane swims, fun swims and leisure swims.
- All indoor adult sport activities including but not limited to racquets, hockey, basketball and pickleball.
- **Adults present at child and youth (21 and under) sports and activities;** includes coaches, volunteers and parents accompanying and supporting a child's participation.
- **All spectators of indoor sports.**
 - Please Note: Saanich Commonwealth Place is not permitting spectators for Aquatic Sport Practices or Competitions. Cedar Hill Recreation Centre is not permitting spectators for any programs or lessons.
- Adult general activities under 50 persons (i.e. pottery, art, etc.)
- All participants at indoor events such as presentations or meetings, regardless of participant numbers.

*Please note that weight rooms are closed and adult fitness suspended until January 18.

Not Required:

- Child and youth (21 and under) sports and activities, including swimming lessons
- Outdoor sports or activities
- Parental drop off or pick up from youth activities
- General facility access/use such as washrooms, changerooms and showers
- Golf and pro shop access
- Art gallery
- Rehabilitation services

When does proof of vaccination at Saanich recreation centres begin?

- As of October 24, 2021, customers will be required to provide proof of full vaccination - two doses of COVID-19 vaccine (with a government issued photo ID).
- The vaccine card requirement is in place until January 31, 2022 and could be extended.

Why do I have to provide proof of vaccination to visit Saanich's recreation centres?

- The Provincial Health Officer's Order requires proof of vaccination (with a government issued photo ID) to attend a fitness centre or studio, gym; indoor adult group and team sports; indoor group exercise activities; and indoor organized events with 50 people or more. Saanich must comply with all orders and guidelines as directed by the provincial health officer as we have done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

How will Saanich recreation centres verify a BC Vaccine Card?

- Staff will scan the BC Vaccine Card QR code and will view the person's government issued photo ID (that is not a photo on a phone) if they're 19 or older. As per the provincial health officer, people aged 12 to 18 do not have to provide photo ID with their vaccine card.
- As of September 27, the BC Vaccine Card will be the only accepted form of proof for BC residents.
- Every time a customer comes in, proof of vaccination must be confirmed (with a government issued photo ID) – at this time we will not store information for frequent participants.

Are there any exemptions to providing a BC Vaccine Card?

- According to the provincial health officer there are no exemptions.

How can people visiting from out of province provide proof of vaccination?

- As per the provincial health officer, people who are from out of province visiting Saanich recreation centres are also required to provide proof of vaccination.
- Please refer to the [province's website](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard) for acceptable vaccination records if you're visiting from outside of BC: [gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard)

Will Saanich collect any of my personal information?

- No health information will be collected by Saanich through the verification or proof of vaccination process.

Is vaccination mandatory for Saanich staff?

- Yes, as of January 10, 2022, Saanich will require all employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to protect the health and safety of municipal employees and the community.

Can I attend other Saanich facilities or meetings without providing proof of vaccination?

- Proof of vaccination is not required to attend council or committee of the whole meetings or public hearings at Saanich Municipal Hall as these are part of formal local government business. This applies to both council members and the public attending these events.
- At this time, Council and committee of the whole meetings and public hearings are only available via webcast.

Do I still have to wear a mask at Saanich facilities?

- Masks are still required in all indoor public spaces for people aged 5 and over unless you are engaged in physical activity. This requirement will remain in place until the order is lifted or revised by the provincial health officer.

Who can I speak to about proof of vaccination requirements?

- I encourage you to contact Island Health's Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Richard Stanwick at publichealth@viha.ca to discuss proof of vaccination requirements.
- Additionally, non-medical information about COVID-19 is available 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week at 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319).
- All provincial health officer orders and guidance is available at gov.bc.ca/covid-19