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TOWNSHIP OF MAPLETON

Township of Mapleton Vaccine Requirement for Facilities

The Township of Mapleton is committed to ensuring the Health and Safety of our employees as well as our residents. The COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be effective in preventing serious outcomes and severe illness while also reducing the spread of the COIVD-19 infection.

The Ontario Government mandated that “As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn”.

This applies to the following facilities:

- PMD Arena
- Moorefield Community Centre
- Alma Community Centre

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 364/20, patrons under 18 years of age who are entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport will be exempt, this will not include any spectators, parents, or guardians.

Upon entry to our facilities, participants, patrons, and spectators will need to provide proof of vaccination and proper identification to designated staff. They will also be required to conduct COVID-19 Screening and Contact Tracing. Individuals not providing the required proof will not be permitted to enter the facility.

The COVID-19 proof of vaccination and proof of identification requirements under the Ontario Regulation 364/20 **do not apply** to the following:

- Individuals who can not receive the vaccine due to medical exemption. Anyone with a valid medical exemption with a letter and supporting identification from a Registered Physician or Registered Nurse will be permitted into the facility.
- Children under the age of 12 who can not currently receive the COVID-19 vaccination are exempt from these requirements.

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- Individuals under the age of 18 who are entering the facility solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport, in accordance with the guidance published by the Ministry of Health on its website for the purpose of the provision.

The following is an example for the same 12-year-old individual reflecting the requirements of Ontario Regulation 364/20.

- Attending and watching their sibling figure skate – Proof of Vaccination & Identification Required.
- Participating in their own organized youth sport practice or game – Proof not required unless mandated by the governing sport organization.

For clarity, please see the link provided below.

[Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act \(gov.on.ca\)](#)

The Township of Mapleton would like to remind people of the potential for circulation of COVID-19. Patrons are reminded that when you attend a public facility as a participant, spectator, or patron you assume risk when in our facility. An inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases such as COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. By visiting any publicly accessible facility, including the facilities owned by the township, you are voluntarily assuming all risk including any risk of injury, loss, damage, and possible exposure to a communicable disease, including COVID-19.

It should be noted that under 60% of the eligible population in the Township of Mapleton has received their first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

For information on vaccines or to book an appointment please visit the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health's website at www.wdgpuplichealth.ca or call them at 1-800-265-7293

To obtain a vaccination receipt, individuals can download or print their vaccine report from the Provincial booking portal at www.covid19.ontariohealth.ca or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900. Individuals requiring assistance with printing their vaccine report can contact any branch of the Wellington County Library.



Members of the public are expected to follow requirements under the Province's *Ontario Reopening Act, 2020* in addition to conducting themselves in a courteous and appropriate manner when in township facilities.

The Township of Mapleton will continue to follow provincial guidelines surrounding physical distancing, face coverings and limitations on gatherings.

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