



Community Services Department

Norwich Community Centre Facility Guidelines

Proof of Vaccination – Community Services Indoor Facilities

The Community Services Department for the Township of Norwich is committed to providing safe indoor recreation facilities for all users. The following document has been developed by the Community Services Department staff in compliance with the Province of Ontario and Southwestern Public Health.

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

Patrons using the following areas **must** provide proof of vaccination

- 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, meeting rooms, convention centres)

A person is considered 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.

Effective Wednesday September 22, 2021, to enter facilities operated by the Township of Norwich Community Services Department:

- 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.

IF A PATRON MAKES THE DECISION TO NOT DISCLOSE THEIR VACCINATION STATUS, THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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 premise of a facility used for sports and recreational facilities solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport, in accordance with the Ministry of Health guidance.
- Coaches and Officials actively involved in the on ice programming for Norwich and District Skating Club (NDSC) or Norwich Minor Hockey (NMHA).

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 (including name and contact information), 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 License
- Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including Health Card
- Indian Status Card/Indigenous Membership Card
- Passport
- Permanent Resident Card

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