

Appendix B: Proof of Vaccine at Vollmer Complex

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After releasing our information last week for entering the Vollmer Complex, the Province of Ontario released regulations and a guidance document with additional information with respect to being fully vaccinated to enter higher-risk indoor public settings. The new regulations come into effect on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Adjustments to the information below will be made should the regulations change. Follow us on social media and check our website for updates.

To enter the Vollmer Complex

- Any person (spectator, parent/guardian) 18 years old and older will need to show proof of vaccine and identification
- Any person aged under 18 who is participating in an organized sporting event is exempt, and will not need to show proof of vaccination
- Any person aged 12 and older who is not participating in an organized sport will need to show proof of vaccination
- Any person aged under 12 is exempt and will not need to show proof of vaccination

Provincial Requirement

On September 1, the Province of Ontario declared a mandatory requirement for Ontarians to be fully vaccinated to enter higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn. This includes facilities for sports and fitness activities (with some exceptions), including the Vollmer Complex. This is a mandatory requirement that businesses in Ontario must follow.

“With the exception of youth recreational sport” has been defined by the Province of Ontario as those aged under 18 participating in an organized sport. Therefore, participants aged under 18 will be permitted to attend their organized sport inside the Vollmer Complex without proof of vaccine.

Vollmer Complex Programs

We understand that there are many questions about the Provincial guidelines. A chart has been created that outlines the guidelines for each activity at the Vollmer Complex.

Arena Users

Participants under 18 years of age who are playing hockey or are figure skating are exempt and will not need to show proof of vaccination. Anyone 12 or older (including

parents, guardians, siblings etc.), who is not participating in an organized sport, must provide proof of vaccination.

According to the Provincial guidelines, coaches, officials, and volunteers identified by their organization who are actively participating do not require proof of vaccination. Please note that some provincial sport organizations may have stricter requirements in place that will need to be followed. Check with your sport organization for more information.

Proof of Identity and Proof of Vaccine

According to the Province of Ontario, all versions of the vaccine receipt are acceptable as proof of vaccination (ex. printed copy or emailed version). The receipt must show that patrons are fully vaccinated. Photocopies of proof of vaccination and ID will be accepted. Proof of vaccination will be accepted if the person's name and date of birth on their identification document matches the vaccination receipt with name and date of birth and if the person is fully vaccinated.

Identification documents can be one of the following (photo ID is not required): Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Driver's Licence, Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card including health card, Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card, Passport, and/or Permanent Resident Card.

In instances where the age of a youth is not immediately obvious, identification may be requested to determine eligibility for exemption from vaccine requirements.

Both the vaccination certificate and proof of identity will need to be shown each time upon entering the building. The enhanced vaccine certificate will replace both of these documents when it is released by the province of Ontario (expected October 22, 2021).

Please note that the process of reviewing documents at the entrances may cause some wait time to get into the complex.

Children in Facility Without Guardians

Children 10 and older can enter the Vollmer Complex without adult supervision to attend their organized sport or program. If your child is under 10 and you are not accompanying them into the complex, we suggest that you send them into the building with another vaccinated adult.

Proof of vaccination is not required for parents or guardians who are escorting a child under 10 years of age to/from a program in which the child is actively participating. These patrons are required to leave the facility promptly after dropping off or picking up a child. Failure to immediately leave the facility may result in loss of facility privileges. Being on time for drop-off and pick-up is especially important under these guidelines.

Masks

Masks must be worn at all times in the facility. It can be removed in certain circumstances based on the activity.

Medical Exemptions

Patrons who provide a written document, completed and supplied by a physician (designated as “MD”) or by a registered nurse in the extended class (designated as “Registered Nurse (Extended Class)”, “RN(EC)”, “Nurse Practitioner” or “NP”) stating that the individual is exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time-period for the medical reason. Patrons with a medical exemption are required to present identification and a written document stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason to the business or organization. Visit the Province of Ontario’s Proof of Vaccination Guidance for the specific requirements for a medical exemption.

Negative Tests

According to the Province, a negative COVID-19 test or recent COVID-19 infection will not entitle a person to enter these settings.

The Town of LaSalle declared a State of Emergency in March 2020, and we continue to operate under this declaration. We will continue to follow the advice of our public health officials to keep our employees and patrons safe. We understand that this is a difficult time for many people, however, we understand that having a COVID-19 vaccine means you are less likely to catch the illness, are less likely to transmit it to others and creates a safer indoor space to help keep non-essential businesses open. Therefore, proof of vaccine will be required effective September 22, 2021 to enter LaSalle municipal facilities, including the Vollmer Complex and LaSalle Civic Centre. Please be patient with each other. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.