

FW: Summary of today's discussion re. Proof of vaccination

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Hi Bonnie,

Most of our meeting today was taken up with recommendations for post secondary institutions, but we did have a few minutes to talk about under what circumstances requiring proof of vaccination would be supported. The first step would need to be an easy way to provide a proof of vaccination. Some other principles we considered were:

- Public health recovery advisory committee supports temporary vaccine mandates to the degree they promote increased uptake, facilitate easy access to immunization and avoid stigma and discrimination.
- Given recent modelling demonstrating the impact of 10% increases in vaccination rates on preventing COVID-19 transmission, this may be a helpful intervention to further promote vaccine uptake at a population level.
- Requiring proof of vaccination may be helpful as a temporary measure in certain non-essential settings to assist in progressing to Phase 4:
 - o Consider for venues with ongoing restrictions under Restart Phase 3b: large seated events (>1000 indoors, >5000 outdoors), night clubs, casinos.
 - Could offer as an option: ie. choose to maintain current capacity restrictions vs. lifting restrictions with requirements for proof of vaccination
 - o Recommend requiring proof of vaccination to access non-essential services only; shouldn't interfere with access to public services
 - o Set a goal for rescinding such as once population level vaccine targets are reached
 - o Additional incentives may need to be considered for areas with low vaccine uptake and considerable vaccine hesitancy
- PHO recommendation or order might be the easiest way to achieve this; alternatively, the tool could be made available to businesses to use as they see fit

It might be worthwhile to have a specific meeting to discuss if this is being seriously considered.

Many thanks,
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Vaccine Passport

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Hi Bonnie and Stephen,

The public health leadership group is just meeting discussing the vaccine passport. Since I understand that an announcement is imminent about this, I would like to share some thoughts from the discussion and recommendations. We have not been directly involved in the planning of this, so all this may have been considered already.

The group recommendations:

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- The group raised concerns about the vaccine passport being used so widely as to create unintended inequities. As such, the recommendation was to consider using a public health order to indicate where the passport can be used, and that it cannot be required in settings not named in the order. This is intended as a mechanism to ensure that people are not excluded from going to a grocery store based on the discretion of an owner is really important.

Thank you,

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RE: Vaccine Card Policy Decisions

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Hi Brian, attached are my comments, pretty minor as you did a great job capturing the decisions and direction discussed.

Regards,
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Thanks for the very productive discussion this afternoon.

Based on the issues discussed I have developed proposed drafting instructions, which I hope captured the decisions (attached).

I will use this to start drafting the PHO order, but at the same time would appreciate comments or flagging any concerns. In particular note the commitment to adhere to the *BC Human Rights Code*. Bonnie and I are meeting with the BC Human Rights Commissioner tomorrow to discuss this issue.

I will also send this to my contacts in JERI, with caveats that this is still draft, as they have been anxious to get an indication of the direction we are going.

Thanks.

Brian

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DRAFT - Proof of Vaccination PHO Order

Drafting Instructions – September 1, 2021

Background:

While substantial progress has been made on vaccinating the population of BC, there remains significant numbers of unvaccinated people, which is resulting in increases in cases, hospitalizations, and intensive care unit admissions, primarily in unvaccinated people. This has been aggravated by the presence of the Delta variant of the virus in BC, which is a highly transmissible variant of the virus.

In addition, evidence is emerging that even vaccinated people can contract the virus and be a source of transmission, although much less likely than vaccinated people.

Given that increases mentioned above, and the need to continue to increase protection of individuals and the population by increasing the vaccination coverage, and in anticipation of increased risk of transmission due to increased gathering of people together with the opening of school, post-secondary institutions and increased indoor socialization and entertainment events, the Provincial Health Officer had decided that requiring people to be vaccinated to attend a broad range of social, recreational, and discretionary events and businesses will be of assistance in reducing the risk to public health from the SARS-CoV-2 virus, primarily by acting as an incentive for people to ensure that they are fully vaccinated, thereby increasing population wide vaccination coverage.

Starting Sept. 13, 2021, requiring proof of vaccination will be initiated in B.C. for people attending certain social and recreational and events settings. This is anticipated to continue to increase the vaccination coverage rate across the province and provide confidence to fully vaccinated people that those around them are also fully vaccinated.

Policy Objective:

Increase vaccination rates to decrease the risk of COVID-19 in BC by requiring that only vaccinated people be allowed to attend certain events and enter into certain settings.

Proposed Process:

A new Order from the provincial health officer is needed to require individuals to provide proof of vaccination to access a broad range of social, recreational, and discretionary events and businesses throughout the province.

As of Sept. 13, one dose of vaccine will be required for entry to these events and settings (partially vaccinated).

As of Oct. 24, people in British Columbia will be required to be fully vaccinated for entry.

In the period between September 13 and October 24, in areas where community transmission is increased significantly or where there are outbreaks, the requirements to be fully vaccinated to

access these events and activities may be required at the direction of the local medical health officer.

A secure weblink will be provided and publicized before Sept. 13, where people will be able to confidentially access their proof of vaccination. Individuals will be able to save a copy of their proof of vaccination to their phone to show it when entering certain events or businesses or print a copy. Individuals who cannot access their proof of vaccination online will be provided with a secure alternative option.

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The settings where proof of vaccination will be required that were announced in the press release backgrounder (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0053-001659>) are:

- indoor ticketed sporting events
- indoor concerts
- indoor theatre/dance/symphony events
- restaurants, pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and patio dining)
- night clubs
- casinos
- movie theatres
- fitness centres/gyms (excluding youth recreational sport – people less than 22 years of age)
- businesses offering indoor high-intensity group exercise activities
- organized indoor events (e.g. wedding receptions, parties, conferences, meetings, workshops – see elaboration below)
- discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities

As such, the following categories of events and settings will need to be prescribed so that proof of vaccination may be requested:

1. Discretionary inside events (attendance greater than 50 people, excluding staff):

These are controlled entry events organized by a sponsor, at which people are formally admitted for entertainment, social, sport spectating, cultural, recreational and business purposes. Includes ticketed sporting events, concerts, theatre/dance/symphony events, conferences and conventions, trade fairs, home shows, antique fairs, workshops and social events like contract supported wedding receptions, and sponsored, ticketed parties.

2. Discretionary Inside Settings

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- a. Food and liquor serving premises: These are liquor licensed settings, including outdoor patios, at which prepared meals and/or liquor is served. Includes restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges (indoor and patio dining) and nightclubs.

Premises excluded are:

- Unlicensed food and liquor serving premises
- Premises with less than XX seats, or potentially other criteria to be suggested by industry representatives
- Food courts, even if one or more of the vendors is licensed
- Liquor manufacturer tasting rooms which do not have seating
- Libraries
- Museums

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- b. Businesses: These are business that provide opportunities for experiences or services that gather people together for entertainment, gambling, exercise, and arts and crafts purposes including movie theatres, auditoriums, casinos, gyms, exercise and dance facilities/studios and recreational facilities.

Businesses excluded are:

- Those with capacities that are less than XX, excluding staff.

General Exclusions

For clarity it will be of assistance to specify some exclusions to assist with answering questions and for providing certainty to some event providers and businesses, including:

- Government provided or contracted business and operations (but not government sponsored events which as would meet the definition of discretionary inside events)
- Government or related public services
- School and post-secondary educational activities

Proof of Vaccination

As of September 13, people twelve years and up who can produce proof of receiving one dose of vaccine will be allowed to attend discretionary events and enter the above settings. This proof can be either in electronic or paper form. Those age 19 and up who show paper or electronic proof of vaccine documentation must also show government issued photo picture ID, such as a BC Services Card, Drivers License or passport, containing proof of identification such as valid government identification, or employment identification with a picture. Those under age 19 do not have to show identification along with their paper or electronic proof of vaccination.

For people visiting from outside of B.C. proof of vaccination requires showing a provincially/territorially recognized official record alongside valid government photo ID from the jurisdiction.

People visiting from outside of Canada, will be required to show their proof of vaccination used to enter the country and their passport.

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As of October 24, proof of vaccination will consist of showing evidence of being full vaccinated, as defined by the BC Centre for Disease Control.

Duration

The measures will be time limited through to Jan. 31, 2022, subject to possible extension.

Exemptions

To ensure that implementation respects human rights and is compliant with the BC *Human Rights Code* the opportunity for obtaining exemptions to having to show proof of vaccination will be built into the system.

Enforcement

A ticketing scheme, similar to that which exist in relation to violations of the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, Protective Measures Order needs to be prescribed. Enforcement officials will include the same officials, e.g. police, liquor premises, gambling premises inspectors etc.

Relationship to Other PHO Orders

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Materials for Tuesday - deck, NR, KMQA

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Hello,

Please see the attached draft materials for Tuesday's announcement:

- powerpoint deck for the tech briefing and public presentation
- news release
- KMQA

Thanks,

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People to attend social events safely with the BC Vaccine Card

VICTORIA – The Province is launching the BC Vaccine Card, a digital or printed document that shows you are vaccinated against COVID-19.

The BC Vaccine Card will allow vaccinated people to conveniently and securely show their proof of vaccination at higher-risk social and recreational events and settings when new COVID-19 vaccine requirement rules take effect on Sept. 13, 2021. This will help protect people in these settings, keep businesses open and allow events to take place, while increasing vaccinations.

“Getting vaccinated means we can get bring people back together and do more, safely,” said John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia. “We have made the Vaccine Card easy for people to get, and easy for businesses to check at-a-glance. The card is an important step on our way to returning to social events safely and getting our economy running on all cylinders again.”

Vaccinated people can get their BC Vaccine Card online at gov.bc.ca/vaccinocard. Once verified, a person will be able to save a digital copy to their mobile device or print a hard copy to show when entering designated businesses and events. Government-issued photo identification will also need to be shown.

People without access to a computer and printer can have a trusted friend, family member or support person print their card for them. They can also visit a Service BC centre or receive a mailed copy through the Get Vaccinated call centre.

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The B.C. Vaccine Card will include a secure individualized QR code and image showing either “vaccinated” or “partially vaccinated.” Businesses can choose to either scan the QR code using a QR reader (e.g. smartphone or tablet), or visually verify the person’s proof of vaccination. A mobile QR code reader app will be released in app stores closer to Sept. 13, 2021 for businesses that choose to scan the QR code.

“Getting vaccinated is a choice you can make to protect yourself and the people around you,
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Bonnie Henry, B.C.’s provincial health officer.s.13

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I urge everyone to get their BC Vaccine Card to protect their community, support local businesses and safely enjoy much needed social events.”

This new requirement is being implemented through an order from the Provincial Health Officer. As of Sept. 13, 2021, one dose of vaccine will be required for entry to these settings. By Oct. 24, 2021, entry to these settings will require people to be fully vaccinated with two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

By getting vaccinated prior to Sept. 13, 2021, every British Columbian can continue to access the events and settings outlined in the [PHO Order](#)(hyperlink).

To learn more about the vaccine card and how to access yours, visit gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard

Businesses will be able to download the BC Vaccine Card Verification App at the Google and Apple app stores.

BACKGROUNDER

How it works

- Individuals who have received their first or second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in B.C. can access their BC Vaccine Card by visiting gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard
- To access their proof of vaccination, they will enter their:
 - o Personal health number
 - o Date of birth
 - o Date of vaccination (either dose 1 or dose 2)
- The BC Vaccine Card can be saved to a mobile device or printed and will include a secure individualized QR code.
- Individuals who can't access the electronic BC Vaccine Card can ask a friend, family member or support person to print their BC Vaccine Card for them, visit a Service BC office, or call 1-833-838-2323 to receive a copy in the mail.
- Businesses will be able to download a reader app (BC Vaccine Card Verification App) from the Google and Apple app stores, to securely read the QR code to determine a person's proof of vaccination. No personal information will be retained in the app.
- Businesses and event operators will be provided with a suite of communications tools, including posters, a question-and-answer document, and a list of approved proofs of vaccination from other jurisdictions to guide them on how to check a vaccine card.
- As of Sept. 13, 2021, people in British Columbia will be required to present their BC Vaccine Card showing partial vaccination (dose 1) to access certain businesses and events.
- As of Oct. 24, 2021, people in British Columbia will be required to present their BC Vaccine Card showing they are fully vaccinated with two doses of COVID-19 vaccine to access the same list of businesses and events.
- The use of the BC Vaccine Card will be phased in to allow people extra time to transition to their new cards. From Sept. 13, 2021 to Sept. 27, 2021 people will also be able to use the vaccination records they received at B.C. vaccine clinics or pharmacies as valid proof of vaccination. Starting Sept. 27, 2021 only the B.C. Vaccine Card will be accepted for people vaccinated in B.C.
- In areas where community transmission is increased significantly or where there are outbreaks, the requirements to be fully vaccinated to access these events and activities may be required earlier at the direction of the local Medical Health Officer.
- A full list of settings where proof of vaccination will be required is available here:
 - o indoor ticketed sporting events
 - o indoor concerts, theatre, dance and symphony events
 - o restaurants, pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and outdoor dining)
 - o night clubs, casinos, movie theatres
 - o fitness centres/gyms/adult sports (indoor)

- o indoor **s.13** group exercise activities
 - o organized indoor events with 50 or more people (e.g. wedding receptions, parties, conferences, workshops)
 - o discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities
- Individuals will show proof of vaccination in the settings listed in the PHO Order, alongside one piece of government-issued photo identification.
- Proof of vaccination will also be required for people visiting from outside of B.C. using a provincially/territorially recognized official record alongside valid government ID **s.13**
- For individuals visiting from outside of Canada, they will be required show the record of vaccination they use to enter Canada, and their passport.
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s.13 Enforcement is at the discretion of enforcement officers.
- The requirement will be time limited through to Jan. 31, 2022, subject to possible extension.
- The measures set out above do not apply to K-12 schools (public and independent) and before and after school programs for students. Student-only events and activities within K to 12 public and independent schools and before and after school programs are excluded from providing a proof of vaccine as they will be covered by specific guidelines for school and childcare settings. The measures do apply to large indoor events (theatre, concerts) attended by parents, family and/or the public.

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How to get vaccinated and stay safe from COVID-19

To get the most effective protection against serious cases of COVID-19, you need two doses of vaccine. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, or it's time for your second dose (at least 28 days since your first dose), book or visit a drop-in clinic and get protected from COVID-19.

You can register and book an appointment at www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.

Search by community to find a drop-in clinic near you. Clinics are organized by each health authority:

- [Fraser Health](#)
- [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
- [Island Health](#)
- [Interior Health](#)
- [Northern Health](#)

Visit your local health authority website for more information on clinic hours and locations:

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[People: key messages](#)

Primary messages:

- Starting September 13, proof of vaccination will be required to access certain higher risk social and recreational events and businesses to help protect people from COVID-19.
- We've always said getting vaccinated is a choice.
- You can choose to be vaccinated to protect kids who can't get vaccinated, and those who have higher risk of severe illness or who may not develop as strong an immune response.
- By choosing to get vaccinated, you choose to support local restaurants. To attend a Canucks Game. To go to spin class or hot yoga. To attend indoor festivals and events. To take in a concert.
- And getting vaccinated is the best choice to protect yourself, the people you love, and to ensure you can continue to participate in these public and private events and settings.
- Book your appointment today.
- We've given everyone advanced notice, so people can book vaccine appointments and get ready to provide their proof of vaccination starting September 13.
- For individuals, the process is simple.
 - o First – get vaccinated.
 - o Second, visit gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard to download or print a copy of your BC Vaccine Card. This card is different than the vaccination record received from a vaccine clinic or pharmacy following vaccine doses as it contains a digital QR code, plus all of the information in one place, that a business will scan when you arrive on site.
 - o Your BC Vaccine Card will either be digital on your smartphone or printed out if you choose.

- If you aren't able to access the digital BC Vaccine card:
 - o Ask a trusted friend, family member or support person to print your card for you
 - o Visit a Service BC centre
 - o Call 1-833-838-2323 to get a copy of your Card mailed to you
- Finally, have your card ready when entering a business. They will either scan your QR code or visually verify your BC Vaccine Card, and also check your ID.
- During a brief transition period, we will allow you to show the vaccination cards you received from immunization clinics, up until Sept. 27, at which point you'll need to have obtained your official BC Vaccine Card.
- We wouldn't be doing this if it wasn't absolutely necessary to keep people safe and allow life to return.
- We will continue to work with people and businesses over the coming days, so they have the support and information they need as we take this important step together to protect people.

Secondary messages:

- With the BC Vaccine Card in place, businesses will be able to stay open and continue to serve their customers with a much lower risk of potential transmission.
- Getting vaccinated keeps everyone in B.C. safe and stops the spread of COVID-19.
- Over 75 per cent of all eligible people have been fully vaccinated, and we've seen a sharp increase in the number of new registrations and bookings since the BC Vaccine Card was announced.
- This is excellent progress, but there is still more work to do.
- Public health continues to closely monitor case counts, hospitalizations, and deaths. We are still seeing a surge in cases primarily in groups of unvaccinated people.
- The overwhelming majority of recent cases are occurring in people who have not been fully vaccinated.
- We know the best way to put this pandemic behind us is through vaccines.
- They are safe, effective and allow us to return to doing the things we love.
- There are people who can't receive the vaccine for medical reasons or are not eligible (under the age of 12) – we need to keep boosting our vaccination rates to protect these people from transmission of COVID-19.
- We are taking these steps to keep people safe, and to maintain the activities that make life full and interesting, while keeping one another safe. That's the purpose of the BC vaccine card – to do just that.

People: Q&A

1. How do I get my BC Vaccine Card?

- Most people will get their card online:
 - o Go to gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard, enter your PHN, date-of-birth and date of your first or second dose.
 - o View, save a copy to your phone, or print your vaccine card – similar to a boarding pass for a flight.
- If you can't access your card online, there are lots of ways to get a printed card: asking a friend for help, going to Service BC or calling the contact centre at 1-833-838-2323.
- People who have signed up for Health Gateway will be able to access their vaccine card there as well.

2. What about people who don't have a smartphone or computer access?

- You can use either a digital or printed copy of your BC Vaccine Card.
- If you can't access your card online, there are lots of ways to get a printed card:
 - o Ask someone you trust to print your card for you
 - o Use a printer at your local library
 - o Go to a Service BC office
 - o Call the call centre at 1-833-838-2323 and get a printed copy mailed to you.

3. Is it possible to store multiple BC Vaccine Cards on one smart phone for those who share a device?

- Yes.

4. Did you consult with First Nations?

- We are engaging with First Nations and Indigenous communities as we move forward with these measures.

5. Do I need Health Gateway access or an online BC Services Card to get my vaccine card? Some say that process is complicated.

- No. We wanted to make this as easy as possible for people while protecting their privacy.
- The easiest way to get your vaccine card is just to go to gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard and enter your PHN, date of birth, and the date of your first or second vaccine dose.
- People who have signed up for Health Gateway will be able to access their vaccine card there as well.

6. How does the BC Vaccine Card work when I go to a business?

- It's simple – like showing a boarding pass for a flight or a ticket at an event:

- o Have your card ready when entering a business or event (on your phone or printed copy).
- o The business rep will look at your vaccine card and will also check your ID.
- There are two options for the business to check:
 - o Visual confirmation– the business or event looks at your Vaccine Card to confirm name and proof of vaccination, OR
 - o QR Code – the business scans the QR code included in your Vaccine Card on the person’s phone or paper BC Vaccine Card to confirm proof of vaccination.

7. What is a QR Code?

- It’s a type of bar code that contains information and can be read by a machine.
- Using it is simple – like showing your boarding pass to board a flight, or a ticket at an event.
- In this case, the business or event will read your individualized QR code, that is included in your BC Vaccine Card, with a smartphone app that will show the business your name and COVID-19 proof of vaccination.

8. Why not let people use the cards they were given at vaccine clinics?

- QR codes ensure a greater degree of security and privacy than showing a record on screen or paper, which may have been altered or forged.
- BC Vaccine Card standardizes the proof of vaccination, as there may be differences between health authority and pharmacy proofs of vaccination.
- From Sept.13 to Sept. 27, 2021, people will also be able to use the vaccination record they got at B.C. vaccine clinics or pharmacies as valid proof of vaccination.
- Starting Sept. 27, only the B.C. Vaccine Cards will be accepted for people vaccinated in B.C.

9. Will there be a transition period where alternatives to the BC Vaccine Card are accepted?

- The use of the BC Vaccine Cards will be phased in to allow people time to transition to their new cards.
- From Sept. 13, 2021 to Sept. 27, people will also be able to use the vaccination cards they got at B.C. vaccine clinics or pharmacies as valid proof of vaccination.
- Starting Sept. 27, only the B.C. Vaccine Cards will be accepted for people vaccinated in B.C.

10. Why would a business go to the process of scanning a QR code on my vaccination card if it already shows my proof of vaccination?

- For some businesses and events, it may be quicker and more convenient to scan QR codes instead of visually checking.

- While the QR code is the preferred option for security, both options are acceptable and will be supplemented by ID.
- Some businesses are comfortable with QR codes already, others may be more comfortable with visually confirming BC Vaccine Card. Either option is an acceptable choice.

11. What will I need to get my BC Vaccine Card?

- People will need to their:
 - o Date of birth
 - o Personal health number
 - o Date (day, month, year) of first or second dose

12. Where is proof of vaccination required in B.C?

- Vaccination is required in B.C. in the following settings:
 - o indoor ticketed sporting events
 - o indoor concerts, theatre, dance and symphony events
 - o restaurants, pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and outdoor dining)
 - o night clubs, casinos, movie theatres
 - o fitness centres/gyms/adult sports (indoor)
 - o indoor high-intensity group exercise activities
 - o organized indoor events with 50 or more people (e.g. wedding receptions, parties, conferences, workshops)
 - o discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities

13. When will this start?

- On September 13, people will be required to provide proof of vaccination – at least one dose -- in order to visit indoor social settings like restaurants, bars, fitness classes and theatres.
- By October 24, people must be fully vaccinated with two doses of COVID-19 vaccine to enter these settings.
- Every person who is registered and receives dose 1 over the next three weeks will have had access to dose 2 and be fully vaccinated by the time the measures are fully in force on October 24.
- Full vaccination may be required earlier in areas of high transmission, as designated by the local medical health officer.

14. I haven't been vaccinated yet. What should I do?

- If you haven't been vaccinated yet, there are still many quick and easy ways to do so.
- Communities throughout B.C. have drop-in clinics and are open 7 days a week.
- You don't need to register online or by phone before you arrive.

- You can find a walk-in clinic near you here: gov.bc.ca/vaxforbc
- You can also make an appointment to be vaccinated if that works better for you.
- To register and get make an appointment to get vaccinated, visit <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/> or call 1-833-838-2323

15. Will a piece of government issued ID be required to ensure a person is who they say they are?

- Yes, people will need to present their proof of vaccination and a piece of government issued photo identification to enter these settings while the PHO Order is in place.
- For people aged 12-18, proof of vaccination will suffice.

16. What types of ID will be accepted?

- Government issued photo ID.

17. What if I don't have government issued ID? (e.g., people experiencing homelessness or other vulnerable people) write Q for business

- People without government issued ID will be supported by existing social programs and agencies to ensure they can access the services and settings they need to, including by helping them get a printed copy of the BC Vaccine Card. Government will work with social agencies to support this work.

18. My immunization record is wrong or I was vaccinated outside of BC. What should I do?

- You should update your immunization record if you got dose one or two in another province or country or if you believe your immunization date is wrong or missing.
- You can update your immunization record here: <https://www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca/>
- Students and new and returning BC residents vaccinated outside of BC must use this service to submit their vaccine records to obtain a BC Vaccine Card.
- Submitting your information takes less than 5 minutes and every effort will be made to add your vaccine record as within 4-7 days, however, this service will be impacted during periods of high volumes.
- If you're a new resident to B.C. you can use your immunization record from out-of-province until you access your BC Vaccine Card.

19. What proof of immunization will be required for people from out of province?

- This requirement applies to everyone 12+ in these settings, regardless of where you are from.
- If you have proof of vaccination from another province, you can use it in place of a B.C. Vaccine Card.
- We will be communicating this requirement to other provinces.

- Local businesses will be able to download an easy-to-use reference visual checklist of documents used in other jurisdictions. gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard
- This is similar to what many businesses currently use to determine proof of age from other provinces.
- People visiting from outside of Canada can use their ArriveCan proof of vaccination.
- People from other Canadian provinces or territories must show:
 - o Provincially/territorially officially recognized vaccine record
 - o Valid government ID
- International visitors must show:
 - o Proof of vaccination they used to enter Canada (ArriveCan)
 - o Passport

20. For out-of-Canada visitors?

- The proof of vaccine requirement applies to everyone 12+ in these settings, regardless of where you are from.
- For foreign travellers, they will need to use proof of vaccination (ArriveCan) and ID from their home jurisdictions.
- Most travellers now need to be fully vaccinated to enter the country.
- Local businesses will be able to download an easy-to-use reference visual list of documents used in other jurisdictions, including the ArriveCan app. (gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard)
- This is similar to what many businesses currently use for proof of age.

21. Why are there no medical exemptions for people who can't be vaccinated?

- These are very difficult decisions made by public health.
- Dr. Henry has said that if you are unvaccinated, for whatever reason, these kind of indoor settings with lots of people are high risk right now.
- This is a time-limited measure, for certain businesses and events only, while we get more people vaccinated.
- I know public health will be monitoring this program very carefully.

22. How do we support TFWs?

- TFWs are eligible to receive their vaccinations in B.C. The same options exist on how to access the information they need online and through the contact centre.

23. How are we supporting the most vulnerable who may not have or know their PHNs?

- People who don't have or know their personal health numbers are encouraged to call the contact centre, who will support in accessing the information they need.

24. What outreach have you done to social sector organizations that work with people who may have difficulty with this process (seniors, people with disabilities, people who are homeless, people who are undocumented, newcomers and international students etc.)?

- We recognize that this new proof of vaccine requirement may be challenging for people who already face barriers accessing government services. We wouldn't be doing this if we didn't feel it was necessary to drive up vaccine rates and protect people.
- We are working to make getting your BC Vaccine Card as easy as we can for people.
- We're going to work with organizations to ensure they are supported as we roll out this important change to protect people.
- People who need extra assistance getting their BC Vaccine Card can call: 1-833-838-2323 (Translators are available), seven days a week, 7 am to 7 pm (PDT)
- Telephone for the Deaf: Dial 711
- Video Relay Services (VRS) provides sign language interpretation free for registered deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired people.

25. What supports are available for people with English as a second language? What outreach have you done to cultural communities? Why are you once again putting the burden on communities to support each other?

- We recognize that this new proof of vaccine requirement may be challenging for people with English as an additional language. We wouldn't be doing this if we didn't feel it was necessary to drive up vaccine rates and protect people.
- We are working to share as many translated resources as possible as quickly as possible, and to make getting your BC Vaccine Card as easy as we can, while protecting people's privacy.
- On the website, COVID-19 information is available in 繁體中文 (Traditional Chinese), 简体中文 (Simplified Chinese), Français (French), ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi), فارسی (Farsi), Tagalog (Tagalog), 한국어 (Korean), Español (Spanish), عربي (Arabic), Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese), 日本語 (Japanese) and हिंदी (Hindi).
- The call centre has translation technology that allows for translation in over 140 languages.

26. Why isn't the web app itself translated?

- The COVID-19 Call Centre provides support in over 140 languages and is available to assist.

27. How will you be able to ensure that people aren't faking their B.C. Vaccine Card or using someone else's Card?

- We are focusing our efforts on keeping people safe and businesses open.

- We're taking all reasonable steps to prevent fraudulent activity, including protecting the integrity of the vaccine card by supplementing it with secure QR codes plus the need to also show identification.
- QR codes provide a highly secure way to verify information.
- The main goal of this policy is to protect everyone in every setting – and we're already seeing a significant spike in vaccine registrations and bookings.

28. How will you be able to ensure that outside of BC proof of vaccination is not fake?

- The proof of vaccination would need to match the format for the relevant jurisdiction, as set out in the visual list of documents used in other jurisdictions.
- Individuals from outside the province will show that proof of vaccination, alongside valid government identification.
- Businesses will also be able to download a list of approved proof of vaccinations from other jurisdictions online at gov.bc.ca/vaccine-card to see how these will look once presented.

29. What privacy protections are in place? Have you consulted the OIPC on the BC Vaccine Card?

- Yes, government has consulted with the OIPC. Data will not be stored within the QR reader app that businesses may use to scan for proof of vaccination.

30. What do you say to people who are concerned about sharing their medical information with businesses?

- The app does not save any information. All the business will see is your name, and whether you are fully or partially vaccinated for COVID-19 or have no record available.

31. What do you say to people who disagree with this policy?

- Vaccination requirements aren't new. Parents are required to report their child's vaccination record when they enroll in school, and you often have to get specific vaccines to be allowed to travel internationally – like yellow fever.
- We wouldn't be doing this if it wasn't absolutely necessary to drive up vaccination rates, protect people from COVID-19 and help avoid more restrictions on people and businesses.
- But if you disagree – be kind and don't take it out on the workers at your local business.
- This was our decision, not theirs. Asking for proof of vaccination isn't optional for these businesses – it's the law.

32. Has any other province implemented a proof of vaccine process?

- Manitoba has the "Manitoba Digital Immunization Card" along with physical Manitoba Immunization Cards.

- The Manitoba cards will include your first and last names and a QR code. When scanned with the Manitoba Immunization Card app, the QR code will show that you are fully vaccinated.
- Quebec has a PDF digital proof of vaccination. It shows an individual's personal information, the vaccines they have received, the result of their first positive COVID-19 screening test if they received a vaccine dose at least 21 days after the screening test, and a QR code containing the above information.
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required to access non-essential businesses in Ontario, including gyms, indoor restaurants, movie theatres and concert halls, under the province's new vaccine certification program starting Sept. 22. Personalized QR codes are expected to be ready by Oct. 22.

33. Is B.C.'s QR code different than the Quebec code that has had a number of high-profile privacy issues?

- BC and QC are both following the federal technical and privacy requirements currently being put in place to support the federal travel passport.

34. Are you still considering extending the proof of vaccine requirement to other settings (incl. health care)?

- We continue to look at all options to protect people in B.C., based on the evidence-based advice from public health.
- Having said that, we will not at any time put in barriers for people to access essential services like health care.

35. Do you need to be vaccinated to vote in the upcoming federal election?

- No. Elections Canada is not requiring vaccination to vote in person.
- The B.C. proof of vaccination only applies to certain designated discretionary businesses, services and activities – and does not apply to essential services like voting.

36. Can health care settings require people be vaccinated to access services?

- In B.C., a person cannot be turned away from medical care because they are not vaccinated.
- In some cases, clinicians may take additional precautions when providing care to unvaccinated people, like arranging for virtual care depending on the issue the person is seeking care for, or asking them to come at a specified time when others are not in the waiting area.

Businesses & Workers

Key messages

- We know that the restrictions over the past year have been incredibly hard on businesses, people and communities, and everyone is looking forward to putting COVID behind them.
- With the B.C. Vaccine Card in place businesses can stay open and continue to serve their customers with a much lower risk of potential transmission.
- The Vaccine Card will give even more people the confidence to go to a restaurant, gym or concert and support local business.
- We know that this is a new ask for businesses to do, when they're already stretched thin.
- We've worked hard to make the Vaccine Card easy for businesses to check at-a-glance – like checking a boarding pass or a ticket for an event.
- We've been listening to businesses. This week we're going to be sharing a package of resources with sector associations to share with their members to help support them.
- This is a big change and there may be bumps along the way, but we're going to keep working with businesses and workers to support them.

Businesses & Workers: QA

37. Who in the business community did you consult with on the decision-making process?

- We've heard from many industries and businesses that they support the vaccine card or proof of vaccination.
- Prior to launching the BC Vaccine Card we engaged with a variety of businesses to hear how we could make these new measures work well for them.
- We know that province-wide lockdowns are hard on businesses, people and communities.
- The BC Vaccine Card will go a long way to make sure businesses can stay open and continue to serve their customers with a much lower risk of potential transmission.

38. How will you get the message out to businesses affected?

- Ministers across government, including the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, are working hard to keep their stakeholders informed and updated with these changes.
- We're giving businesses this information now, so they can start preparing for this change effective September 13.
- This week a package of materials will be shared with business associations to distribute to their members. The package will include FAQs, posters, and visual guides to share with their members.

- This information will also be posted on the government website for businesses to download.
- We will continue to work closely with our partners, stakeholders and business community to keep people informed with the latest information.

39. What should a business do if they have not received the information from their association?

- Information for businesses will also be posted on the government website for businesses to download.
- We encourage businesses to reach out to their associations if they have any questions or they can go online gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard

40. Will the workers in these establishments need to be vaccinated?

- We continue to monitor the data and look at all options to keep people safe in B.C., based on the evidence-based advice from public health.
- At this time, we aren't making vaccination mandatory for employment, other than in specific areas of the health system starting with Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities.
- However, we expect most workers will get vaccinated so they too can continue to go to restaurants, the gym, concerts, sporting events etc.
- Employers are accountable for ensuring their workers' safety and should have in place communicable disease safety plans (that include COVID 19)– including a requirement to stay home when sick, mask wearing where appropriate and regular hand washing.
 - o Given the higher transmissibility of the delta variant, all businesses should review the adequacy of their plans.
- Businesses or institutions may choose to adopt their own vaccination policies for their employees but would be responsible for doing their own due diligence.
 - o That could include the decision to require vaccination for their employees, or specific requirements for staff working in their businesses who are not vaccinated, such as more frequent rapid testing and/or mask wearing.

41. Will other businesses/organizations be able to set their own requirement for proof of vaccine beyond those covered by the PHO order?

- We are introducing a provincial proof of vaccine requirement for designated settings that removes the need for these businesses to set their own vaccine requirement.
 - o The PHO Order provides a solid basis for businesses to use this approach and prevents them from having to defend any action they might have taken individually in this regard.

- Businesses or organizations not covered by the order may choose to adopt their own vaccination policies. That would be an individual business decision, and they would be responsible for doing their own due diligence.

42. Will there be vaccination mandates for workers in other high-risk settings?

- We aren't making vaccination mandatory for employment at this time, other than in specific areas of the health system starting with Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities.
- We continue to monitor the data and look at all options to keep people safe in B.C., based on the evidence-based advice from public health.

43. Will you introduce legislation/regulation to guide other businesses in the private sector that might want to require proof of vaccination, or businesses wanting to require vaccinations for their staff?

- No. These are individual business decisions, and they would be required to do their own due diligence as with any other business decision.
- But the proof of vaccine requirement doesn't just protect people in the settings it applies to.
- The main goal is to drive up vaccination rates as we know this reduces transmission of covid 19– and we're already seeing a significant spike in the number of people getting vaccinated.
- That helps protect everyone in every setting – not just in the businesses that will be requiring proof of vaccine.

44. How will you enforce businesses' compliance with the order?

- We've worked with businesses throughout the pandemic, and we expect they will comply.
- The objective of the BC Vaccine Card is to increase vaccination coverage and make settings safer, however should enforcement be needed, a ticketing scheme for individuals and businesses is prescribed in the PHO Order through the Offences Act.
- Enforcement is at the discretion of enforcement officers.

45. What do you say to businesses that have already said they'll be defying the order?

- We've worked with businesses throughout the pandemic, and we expect they will comply.
- The objective of the BC Vaccine Card is to increase vaccination coverage and make settings safer, however should enforcement be needed, a ticketing scheme for individuals and businesses is prescribed in the PHO Order through the Offences Act.

- Enforcement is at the discretion of enforcement officers.

46. What help is being provided to support businesses navigating these new rules?

- This week a package of materials will be shared with business associations with to distributed to their members. The package will include FAQs, posters, and visual guides.
- This information will also be posted on the government website for businesses to download.
- We will continue to work closely with our partners, stakeholders and the business community to keep people informed with the latest information.

47. Is a package of FAQs and posters adequate support for businesses?

- The package of communications materials will help guide businesses on what they are checking for.
- If businesses have any questions or concerns, they should contact their association.
- Industry associations engage with government regularly and this engagement will continue through the implementation of the BC Vaccine Card.

48. Will you provide financial supports to businesses? Some say the proof of vaccine card will place an extra administrative burden on businesses and will likely require the hiring of more staff at time when they cannot afford it.

- Most businesses, particularly restaurants, have already supported the safety of their business by collecting contact tracing information.
- We've worked hard to make the Vaccine Card easy for businesses to check at-a-glance – like checking a boarding pass or a ticket for an event.
- With the Vaccine Card in place, businesses can stay open and continue to serve their customers with a much lower risk of potential transmission.

49. What guidance will be provided to help restaurant staff deal with confrontational non-vaccinated guests?

- We encourage all British Columbians to stay kind, calm and courteous.
- If any employee feels threatened, they should immediately retreat and call 911. Abuse toward people trying to enforce this law will not be tolerated.

50. Aren't you concerned that the proof of vaccine program will impact business revenues, as they will have to turn away people who are not vaccinated?

- The proof of vaccine card is about driving up vaccination rates, and keeping people safe when they go to restaurants, fitness classes or concerts.
- In many parts of the province most people are already vaccinated.
- With a vaccine card in place, people will likely feel safer and be more willing to go out and participate in activities they have been avoiding.

51. What about businesses in parts of the province with low vaccination rates? Some say they're expecting drops in revenues and more confrontation.

- People can support their local businesses by getting vaccinated, and we're seeing the largest increases in vaccinations in these areas.
- Driving up vaccination rates is especially important in communities where vaccination rates are low – both to protect people and to ensure businesses can continue to operate safely.
- With the BC Vaccine Card in place, people will likely feel safer and be more willing to go out and participate in activities they have been avoiding.
- We wouldn't be doing this if public health didn't feel it was necessary to get more people in these communities vaccinated and help avoid the restrictions and shutdowns that are so hard on businesses.

52. Aren't you placing businesses in an unsafe position by them having to ask for such personal information that could lead to conflicts, particularly for young workers who tend to work in service focused businesses?

- The objective of the BC Vaccine Card is to increase vaccination coverage and make settings safer, however should enforcement be needed, a ticketing scheme for individuals and businesses is prescribed in the PHO Order through the Offences Act.
- Enforcement is at the discretion of enforcement officers.
- We encourage all British Columbians to stay kind, calm and courteous.
- If any employee feels threatened, they should immediately retreat and call for 9-1-1.

53. Concretely, what is a business supposed to do if someone refuses to comply and demands entry? Who do you call / do you refuse entry?

- We encourage all British Columbians to stay kind, calm and courteous.
- A business has the right to refuse service to people who are not abiding by the provincial health order. In fact, it's required.
- If any employee feels threatened, they should immediately retreat and call 911.

54. Some say asking a customer for personal health information breaks down trust / "discriminates" against people?

- This is about keeping people safe.
- No personal information will be transferred by the app and privacy protections are in place.
- From the onset, the B.C. government has worked to ensure the protection of people and businesses. We will continue to take action to ensure the safety of all British Columbians and our visitors until this is behind us.

55. Some say requesting proof of vaccination places too much responsibility on businesses?

- We acknowledge that this is a significant responsibility, but we all need to band together to keep each other safe and take the necessary action that will protect the livelihoods of business owners throughout B.C.

56. Does it not seem contradictory to have potentially unvaccinated workers asking customers for proof of vaccination?

- We expect the vast majority of workers will be vaccinated as they will want to take part in these settings, too.
- We aren't making vaccination mandatory for employment at this time, other than in specific areas of the health system starting with Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities.
- We continue to monitor the data and look at all options to keep people safe in B.C., based on the evidence-based advice from public health.

57. Will the B.C. government offer liability protection (e.g., human rights complaints) to the businesses that are being expected to ask for proof of vaccine?

- Businesses that are included in the Provincial Health Office order are protected for actions they take under the order.
- Businesses that choose to do their own vaccine policy are not covered and must ensure they practice due diligence.

58. Will the government offer protection to businesses that mandate that their employees get vaccinated or only hire people who are vaccinated?

- No. That's an individual business decision.
- If a business decides to require that employees be vaccinated or that they are going to hire only vaccinated employees, then they will need to do their due diligence.

59. Can restaurants get clear guidance on what foodservice businesses are included/exempt from the proof of vaccine program?

- Restaurants with indoor dining and outdoor patios are required to check vaccine cards.
- Coffee shops, drive-throughs and restaurants that are providing takeout are exempt.

60. How are suppliers and industry partners such as delivery drivers, etc. impacted by the BC Vaccination Card program?

- Proof of vaccination is not required for suppliers and delivery drivers.

61. Are guests who are simply coming into the restaurant to pick up takeout orders required to present the BC Vaccination Card?

- No

62. Can someone wait inside to pick up takeout?

- To maintain social distancing, most restaurants have not allowed customers to wait inside while waiting for their food order.
- We encourage businesses to continue to ask customers to wait outside when picking up a takeout order that is not ready.

63. What BC Vaccine Card information will businesses be required to retain and how will the data be collected and other private information protected?

- No information will be retained by businesses.
- The reader app will only confirm proof of vaccination and not record any data.

64. How do businesses deal with international and out of province guests who do not have the BC Vaccine Card but can prove their vaccinations?

- If you have proof of vaccination from another province, you can accept it in place of a B.C. Vaccine Card.
- We will be communicating this requirement to other provinces.
- Local businesses will be able to download an easy-to-use reference visual checklist of documents used in other jurisdictions.
- This is similar to what many businesses currently use to confirm proof of age from other provinces.

65. Can restaurant staff accept other forms of proof of vaccination other than the BC Vaccine Card along with a second piece of ID?

- Until Sept. 27, people can show the vaccine record they received at time of vaccination.
- From Sept. 27 onward, only the BC Vaccine Card or another jurisdiction's approved proof of vaccination will be accepted.
Local businesses will be able to download an easy-to-use reference visual checklist of documents used in other jurisdictions.

66. How will businesses meet their legal obligations with respect to non-vaccinated guests who have legitimate medical and religious reasons for not being vaccinated?

- We are introducing a provincial proof of vaccine requirement for designated settings. The PHO Order provides a solid basis for businesses to use this approach and prevents them from having to defend any action they might have taken individually in this regard.

67. Will there be a BC Vaccine Card trial period or pilot before implementation to work out any technical and operational issues with the program as Quebec has done (not enforcing for business)?

- To give everyone time to get their BC Vaccine Card, up to Sept. 27, 2021 you can show other forms of proof of vaccination.
- There will be a transition period where people can use the cards they got at vaccine centres
- After Sept. 27, 2021, only the BC Vaccine Card or another jurisdiction's approved proof of vaccination will be accepted.

68. Would government consider delaying implementation to allow businesses more time to prepare?

- We are moving ahead with BC Vaccine Card to keep each other safe and take the necessary action that will protect the livelihoods of business owners throughout B.C.
- We've worked hard to make the Vaccine Card easy for businesses to check at-a-glance – like checking a boarding pass or a ticket for an event.
- To help support businesses with implementation, we are sharing a package of resources with sector associations to share with their members to help support them.
- This is a big change and there may be bumps along the way, but we're going to keep working with businesses and workers to support them.

69. Why was there not more consultation with industry prior to announcing the program?

- The modelling shows we need to take action to slow transmission of COVID-19 in B.C. and protect communities.
- We continue to engage with business through the Industry Engagement Table, which takes place on a regular basis.
- The BC Vaccine Card has been a topic of conversation during these tables and during other meetings the B.C. government has held with various associations and businesses.
- Multiple conversations were had with business associations and businesses prior to this announcement, and we have used that feedback to inform various aspects of the BC Vaccine Card program.
- For many businesses, the BC Vaccine card is welcomed, because it will help to ensure that businesses will be able to stay open and continue to serve their customers with a much lower risk of potential transmission.

70. When will the QR scanner app be available for download?

- The QR scanner will be available to download by September 13. There is also the option to visually verify instead of scanning the QR code.

71. When can businesses expect to see more BC Vaccine Card program details given that it will take business time to alter operations and prepare for implementation?

- This week a package of materials will be shared with business associations with to distributed to their members. The package will include FAQs, posters, and visual guides.

- This information will also be posted on the government website for businesses to download.
- We will continue to work closely with our partners, stakeholders and the business community to keep people informed with the latest information.

Q&A: International travel (CITZ)

72. Will B.C. be developing a vaccine passport/ proof-of-vaccination certificate for international travel?

- International travel is a federal responsibility.
- Some countries and jurisdictions around the world and in Canada are requiring digital or paper proof-of-COVID-19-vaccine status.
- B.C. is working with the federal government and other provinces and territories on a process to get a proof-of-vaccination certificate for international use for Canadians, with the federal government as the lead.
- Ours will be a Canada-wide approach with people's personal privacy as a primary consideration.

73. What would a proof-of-vaccination certificate for international travel look like? How would I use it?

- B.C. is working with the federal government and other provinces and territories on a process to get a proof-of-vaccination certificate for international use for Canadians, with the federal government as the lead.
- The approach maintains provincial and territorial jurisdiction over health information and is expected to be flexible to future needs.
- This work is underway.
- B.C. is a leader when it comes to trusted identification credentials in Canada, and we will ensure people's privacy is a primary consideration in any solution.

74. What prototype or testing is B.C. working on for international use? Could it potentially use a QR code?

- B.C. is working with the federal government and other provinces and territories on a process to get a proof-of-vaccination certificate for international use for Canadians, with the federal government as the lead.
- The design will depend on the criteria required for international travel which has not yet been declared.
- We await decisions at the federal government level that will impact the final design.

75. How would my privacy be protected?

- We are looking at an approach that allows people to control when they provide their proof-of-COVID-19 health status, while meeting certification needs for travel abroad.
- The approach maintains provincial and territorial jurisdiction over health information and is expected to be flexible to future needs.

76. What steps has B.C. taken in exploring privacy considerations around vaccine passports/proof-of-vaccination certificates?

- B.C.'s Government Chief Information Officer is keeping B.C.'s Privacy Commissioner informed on the proof-of-vaccination work currently being explored.
- The briefings emphasize work being done collaboratively by all provinces and the federal government for a single, Canada-wide proof-of-vaccination certificate for international travel, with the federal government as the lead.
- The briefings will continue to include the privacy principles considered for any proposed technical solutions, such as collecting the minimum information necessary.
- We will continue to brief B.C.'s privacy commissioner and seek feedback as a solution is developed.

77. Will I need a vaccine passport/proof-of-vaccination certificate to travel internationally?

- B.C. is working with the federal government and other provinces and territories on what a proof-of-vaccination certificate might look like for Canadians for international travel, with the federal government as the lead.
- It is anticipated to be ready this fall.
- The federal government is also working on a short-term solution for people who may need to travel before the proof-of-vaccination certificate is available.

78. What proof of vaccination should people travel with domestically right now?

- The Ministry of Health is responsible for policy on domestic proof-of-vaccination requirements and is best to speak to any questions about the B.C. Vaccine Card.
- Proof of vaccination is not required to access essential public services and supports provided by the government of B.C.
- Starting Sept. 13, 2021, proof of vaccination will be required in B.C. for people attending certain discretionary social and recreational settings and events.
- People will be able to access the B.C. Vaccine Card before Sept. 13, where they will be able to save a copy of their proof of vaccination to their phone to show it when entering designated businesses and events.
- Individuals who cannot access their proof of vaccination online will be provided with a secure alternative option.
- Travellers should check requirements of jurisdictions they are headed to before travelling.

79. Will I need a vaccine passport/proof-of-vaccination certificate to travel domestically/inter-provincially?

- Travellers should check requirements of jurisdictions they are headed to before travelling.
- In B.C., the Ministry of Health is responsible for policy on domestic proof-of-vaccination requirements and is best to speak to any questions about the B.C. Vaccine Card.
- Proof of vaccination is not required to access essential public services and supports provided by the government of B.C.
- Starting Sept. 13, 2021, proof of vaccination will be required in B.C. for people attending certain discretionary social and recreational settings and events.

80. Will I need a proof-of-vaccination certificate to access services in B.C., like in Quebec?

- The Ministry of Health is responsible for policy on domestic proof-of-vaccination requirements and is best to speak to any questions about the B.C. Vaccine Card.
- Proof of vaccination is not required to access essential public services and supports provided by the government of B.C.
- Starting Sept. 13, 2021, proof of vaccination will be required in B.C. for people attending certain discretionary social and recreational settings and events.
- B.C. is working closely with our federal partners and other provincial and territorial colleagues on a proof-of-vaccination certificate for international travel, with the federal government as the lead.
- Those conversations are ongoing.

81. What will the B.C. Vaccine Card look like? Will it be a QR code?

- Visit gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard to download or print a copy of your BC Vaccine Card. This card is different than the vaccination record received from a vaccine clinic or pharmacy following vaccine doses as it contains a digital QR code, plus all of the information in one place, that a business will scan when you arrive on site.
- Your BC Vaccine Card will either be digital on your smartphone or printed out if you choose.

82. What is being put in place to ensure my right to privacy for my personal health status? It's one thing to provide proof to a trained border agent to enter a country and quite another to provide it to an untrained host/hostess/server at a restaurant.

- Government has consulted with the OIPC. Data will not be stored within the QR reader app that businesses may use to scan for proof of vaccination.

- The app does not save any information. All the business will see is your name, and whether you are fully or partially vaccinated for COVID-19 or have no record available.

83. How will staff at places such as restaurants, movie theatres and sporting events maintain my right to privacy if they check me before I enter, and I'm not vaccinated? How will they ensure everyone in the line after me isn't aware of my status when I have to walk away?

- These are discretionary activities. We are requiring the BC Vaccine Card in these settings in order to protect people.
- People have the option to get vaccinated to enter these settings.

84. Is there any way for me to access proof of my vaccination now?

- People will be able to confidentially access the B.C. Vaccine Card before Sept. 13, where they will be able to save a copy of their proof of vaccination to their phone to show it when entering or using designated businesses and events.
- Currently, people can log in to Health Gateway to see their immunization records, including their COVID-19 vaccine.
- You can log in to Health Gateway by downloading the mobile BC Services Card app and verifying your identity through video or with an agent at an in-person Service BC location.
- Information on the mobile card, how to download it, verify your identity and the services you can access is available at gov.bc.ca/mobilebcservicescard
- Health Gateway is just one of the many services you can access through the card.

85. I can't access Health Gateway and don't have online access to set up my B.C. Vaccine Card. What are my options for accessing vaccination records?

- If someone doesn't have access to Health Gateway or online access to set up and use their B.C. Vaccine Card, they may have a paper copy of their immunization records or a vaccination card that is given to them when they are vaccinated.
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86. I've lost my vaccination card/records and can't access Health Gateway or the B.C. Vaccine Card. How do I go about getting new copies?

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87. Why don't you make the mobile card more accessible for people that can't afford newer mobile devices or have older devices?

- The privacy and protection of people's information is a top priority for the Province.
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88. What are you doing to help those with accessibility challenges access their records through Health Gateway and other tools on the mobile BC Services Card app?

- Service BC is developing improvements for the mobile BC Services Card app to support people with accessibility challenges, such as visual impairment.

89. Is the mobile BC Services Card going to be part of a proof-of-vaccination certificate?

- B.C. is working with the federal government and other provinces and territories on what a proof-of-vaccination certificate might look like for Canadians for international travel, with the federal government as the lead.
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BC Vaccine Card

Keeping people safe and businesses open

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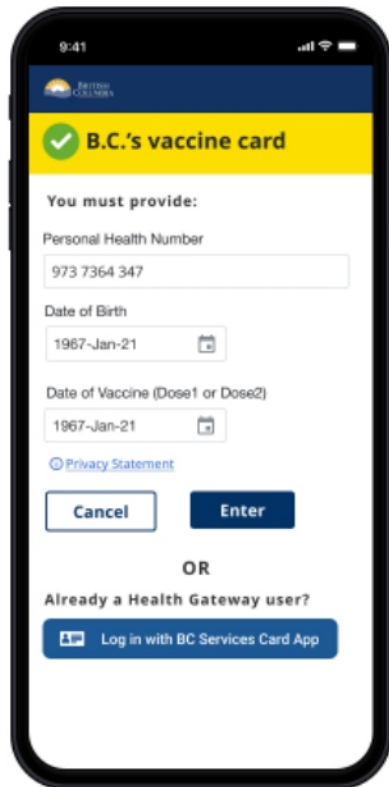
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- fitness centres/gyms/adult sports (indoor)
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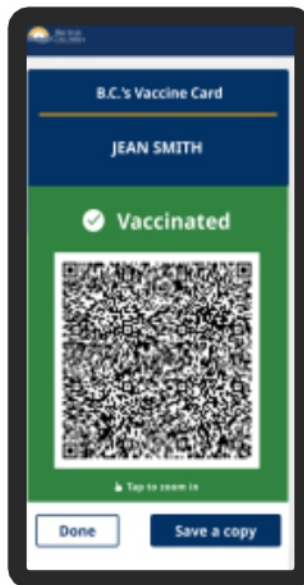
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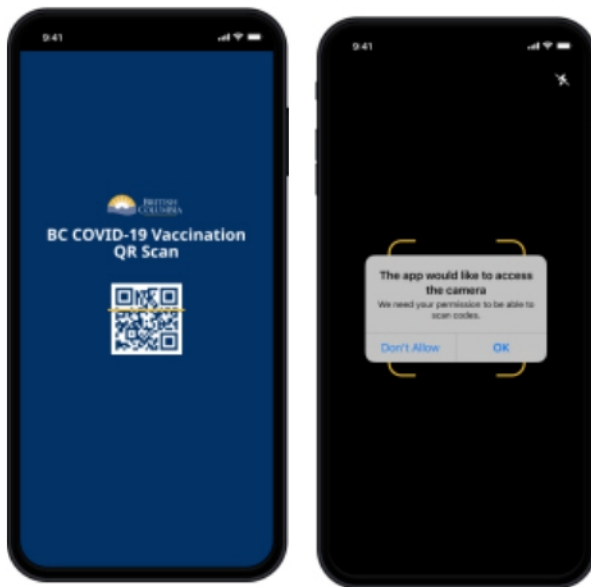
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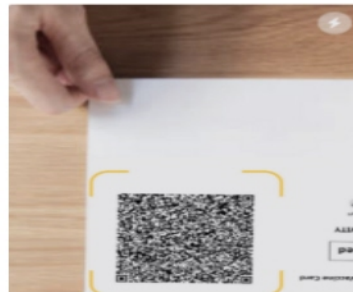


Business QR Code Scanning and verification steps

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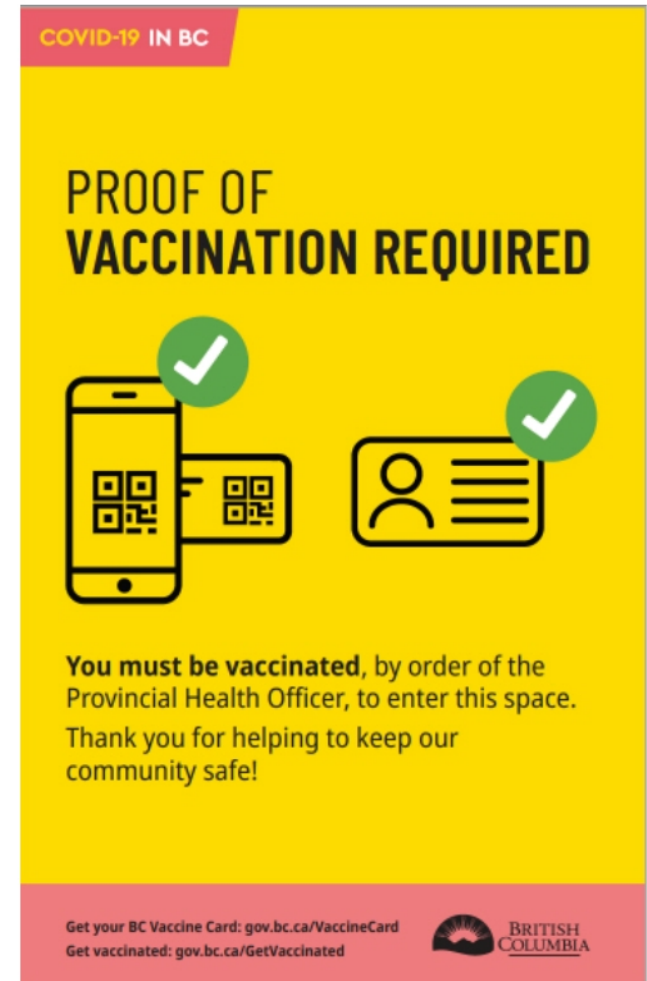


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Transitioning to BC Vaccine Card

COVID-19 Immunization Record Card

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Submit or Update your information BC Vaccine Card

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BC Vaccine Card:

What if I live in BC but got a vaccine outside BC?

-  Register with the provincial Get Vaccinated system at getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca
-  Submit proof of an official immunization record
-  Get your BC Vaccine Card at gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard

COVID-19 IN BC

Acceptable out-of-province proof of vaccination

People from other Canadian provinces or territories must show:

- Provincially/territorially officially recognized vaccine record
- Valid government photo ID
- A list of acceptable out-of-province vaccine records will be shared with businesses and available on gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard-businesses

International visitors must show:

- Proof of vaccination they used to enter Canada
- Passport



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Masking Public Health Order currently in place

- Masks continue to be required in all indoor public spaces for people aged 12+ through September, 2021



Capacity Public Health Order Currently in Place

- Current Restart Step 3 capacity limits remain in place for indoor gatherings (50 people or 50% of capacity, whichever is greater).

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Hello Dr. Henry,

HQ and PO have asked for a few edits. **s.13**
details from Brian below.

so I've added in the

Please take a look and let me know if you have any concerns with the content.

Thanks!

Aileen

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Thanks Brian, I was trying to summarize that in layman's terms but best to have the exact stuff in background.

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On Sep 3, 2021, at 7:18 PM, Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank you, both. I'll make the edits to the deck.

Aileen Machell
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On Sep 3, 2021, at 7:14 PM, Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Bonnie.

Bylaw officers are not empowered to enforce. They can provide information and advice, and make referrals, but not issue tickets.

I would go with the information about "Violation tickets for unsafe COVID-19 behaviour" from:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/violation-tickets>, as that has been vetted by PSSG.

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Thanks.

Brian

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The increase in

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Maybe easiest is to put all three slides together:

1. Mask order still in effect
2. Capacity and activity restrictions still in effect and sub bullets indicating activity restrictions lifted Sept 13 for events and capacity limits to be lifted as we transition (it is at my discretion depending on epidemiology etc.)

And 3. a final bullet saying all PHO orders are legal and enforceable by EHO/Bylaw officers who will monitor and law enforcement who can ticket and take other actions as appropriate

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Thoughts on how we add these points in? If you have suggested language I will add to the deck.

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See what you think

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✓ B.C.'s vaccine card

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Personal Health Number

973 7364 347

Date of Birth

1967-Jan-21

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[Privacy Statement](#)

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OR

Already a Health Gateway user?

Log in with BC Services Card App

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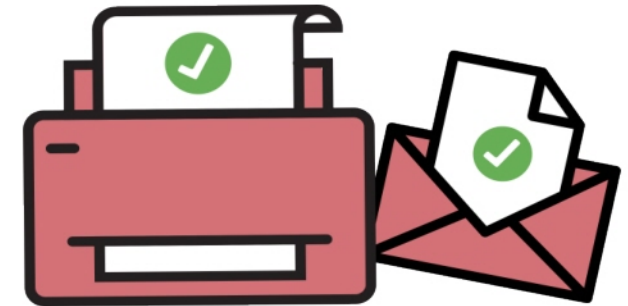
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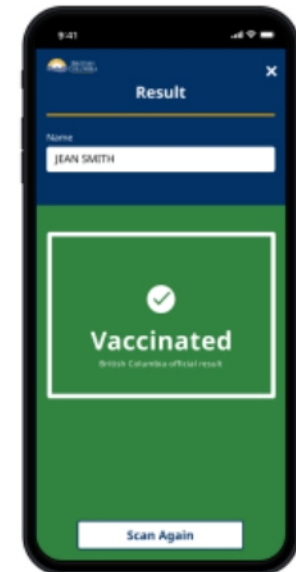
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COVID-19 IN BC

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(Insert phone line graphic here)

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Vaccine Passport Bullets

- Internationally, a growing number of countries and private sector organizations are developing or considering the use of vaccine passports, and in some cases through the adoption of digital vaccine credentials in response to challenges over international travel and re-opening economies
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- Ontario has agreed to be the lead on developing a secure paper-based vaccine credential prototype
- BC, working with Quebec, is leading the development of a secure digital vaccine credential (adopting the emerging World Health Organization standard and leveraging investments in the BC Services Card and the provincial Health Gateway)
- The digital vaccine credential is proposed to be a citizen-managed credential kept in a smart phone digital wallet
- There are many potential use cases for such a digital vaccine credential (i.e., it could be used at airports prior to boarding or entering customs, or at an event prior to passing a gate)
- This would result in a minimum disclosure of personal information - a simple a 'yes' or 'no' response could be passed
- The BC Ministry of Health digital vaccine credential is under development and expected to be available for demonstration purposes by roughly April 19, 2021
- The ON paper-based vaccine credential's features are to be confirmed, but the intent is for both paper-based and digital vaccine credentials to be complimentary, potentially allowing citizens choice
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- The purpose of this vaccine credential collaborative effort is to demonstrate a secure, convenient, privacy enhancing and citizen-controlled method for citizens' to prove vaccine status
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Additional Bullets

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Vaccine Passport Bullets

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 - Increase confidence for people to return to activities where there is risk of high transmission such as concerts, night clubs, movies, etc.
- **BC Citizen/Public use case perspective**
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 - Other potential use cases include building public confidence and supporting economic recovery.
 - From a privacy perspective, the passport would result in a minimum disclosure of personal information - a simple a 'yes' or 'no' response could be passed
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- **BC Digital Solution - Collaboration and progress in Canada**
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Additional Bullets

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Recommended BC Position/Key Messages/BC Background

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- The BC vaccine credential is kept in a citizen's smart phone digital wallet and verified using a QR code
- There are many potential use cases for this credential--such as at airports prior to boarding or clearing customs, or at an event prior to passing a gate)
- The BC vaccine credential is citizen-controlled, allowing the minimum disclosure of personal information - a simple a 'yes' or 'no' response could be disclosed in some scenarios
- A paper-based version of the credential (using similar QR code technology) is being developed by Ontario

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Provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Program Digital Update (IMMSBC)

Briefing for: Office of the Premier

Date: April 29, 2021



Agenda

- Vaccine Passport Overview
- Health Gateway
- ImmsBC Digital Platform

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Vaccine Passport: Digital Proof of Vaccine Status



Introduction

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BC Collaboration and Progress in Canada

- BC (Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Citizen Services) are collaborating with Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia to align on a shared technical approach and build the technical readiness to issue verifiable proofs of COVID-19 health status.
- BC, through its Digital Trust Program, including the Mobile Service Card and Health Gateway, is well positioned to quickly respond to a potential need for verifiable proofs of COVID-19 health status if Government determines it is required. A basic vaccine passport has been developed for demonstration purposes ([link](#))
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Health Gateway



What is the Health Gateway?

- **Empowering Citizens** – The Health Gateway is aimed at empowering citizens to achieve their health outcomes by providing them secure access to their personal health information.
- Currently, Health Gateway gives you access to your COVID-19 and medical information. In the near future, it will include access to laboratory test results and diagnostic imaging reports.
- **COVID-19 timely information** – Citizens receive a text or email when test results are available; access test results of children 11 years and younger; Print COVID-19 test results and download and print your COVID-19 immunization digital card as proof of your immunization
- **Personal Health Records** - View dispensed medication information dating back to 1995; view immunizations from public health and community pharmacies; view the last seven years of your health visits, consultations and procedures billed to the BC Medical Services Plan.



Health Gateway: Most Used Features

Available in Health Gateway

-  Prescription Medications (Dec 2019)
-  Add Notes to Records (Mar 2020)
-  COVID-19 Test Results (Sep 2020)
-  Immunization Records (Dec 2020)
-  Health Visits (Mar 2021)
-  Lab Results (Coming soon)

Most Used



COVID-19 test results

Including dependents' (under 12 years) results



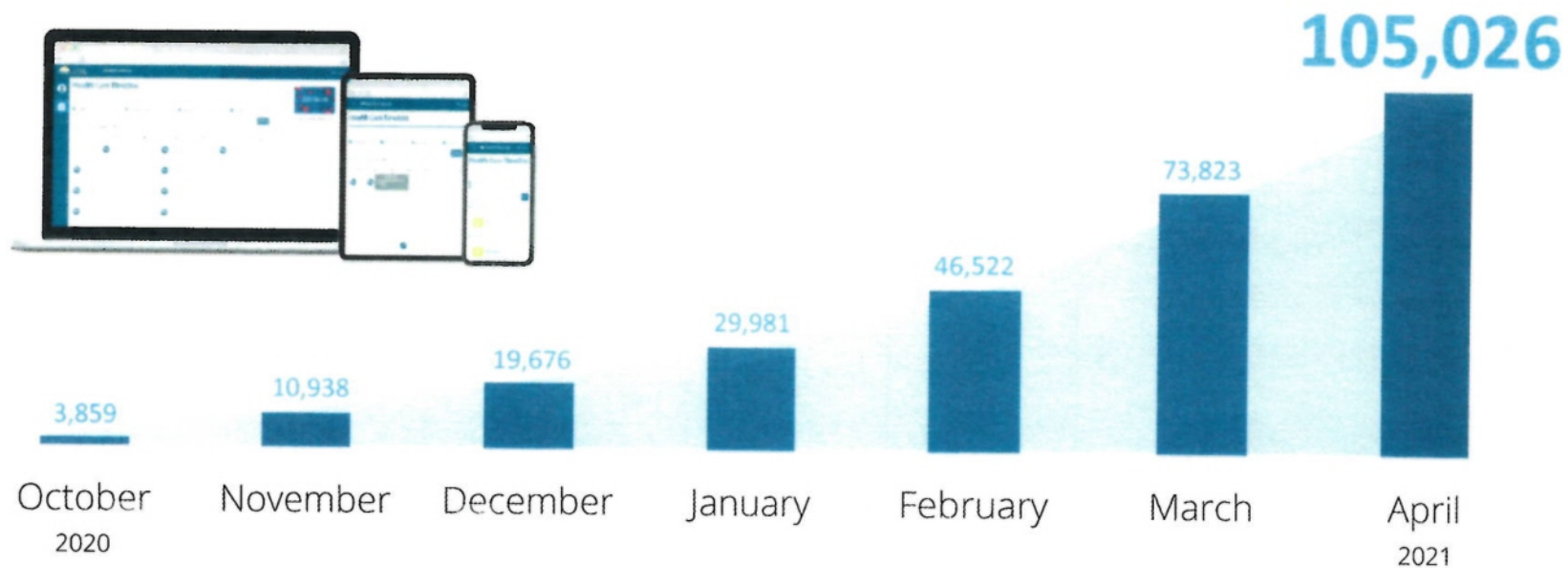
Immunization records



Prescription medication

Health Gateway: Number of Users

Health Gateway provides British Columbians with secure access to a provincial view of their health information. **It now has more than 100,000 registered users.**



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IMMSBC Digital Platform



What is ImmsBC and what are the benefits

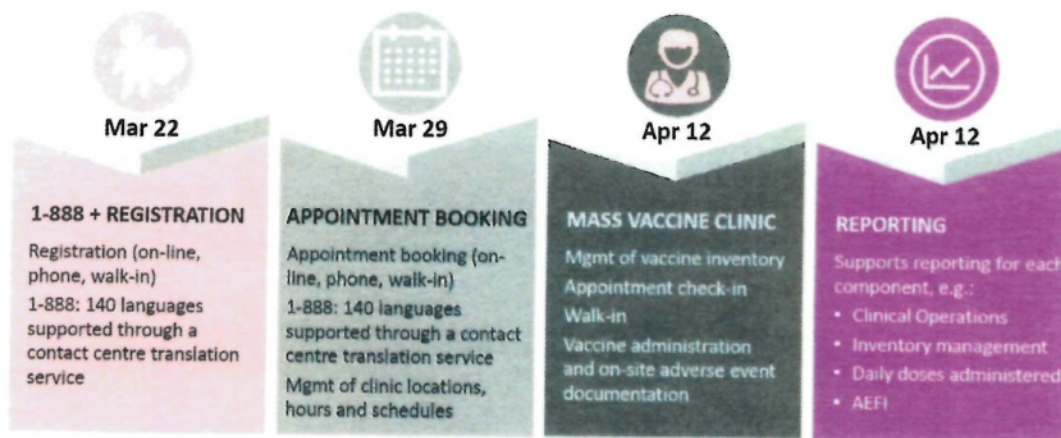
➤ Enabling the vaccine program and strategy for citizens

- It provides citizens convenient 24x7 access to register and book their Dose 1 and Dose 2 vaccines.
- Tracks and monitors an individuals vaccination coverage, follows up with individuals related to their vaccine (e.g., 2nd dose reminder) as well as to identify any adverse reactions
- Provincial view to identify and implement strategies to target new populations or populations with low coverage rates
- Identifies booked and vaccinated populations and areas of opportunity for increased vaccination
- Providing access to vaccines for specific populations, such as the clinically extremely vulnerable, self-identified indigenous, high transmission rate communities

➤ Optimizes vaccine supply, clinic capacity and health human resources

- Provides visibility into all aspects of the vaccination program at a provincial level to efficiently distribute and track supplies and to promote safe, efficient, equitable and efficacious distribution of vaccines.
- Provides clinics with information to plan for capacity, staffing and optimize their workflow

Implementation of IMMSBC Vaccine Digital Solution



As of April 27

- 1,932,753 Registrations
- 723,083 booked appointments
- 196,307 vaccines administered at mass vaccine clinics

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Vaccines are Working

- 85.1% of people 12 years and older in B.C. have received a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Recent modelling from BCCDC in August shows unvaccinated people are at increased risk:
 - 12x greater risk of infection
 - 34x greater risk of hospitalization
 - 8x greater risk of death from COVID-19
- Getting vaccinated and showing proof of vaccination will help protect people and communities, keep businesses open, and allow events to take place.

Proof of Vaccination Takes Effect September 13

September 13, 2021

People will be required to show their proof of vaccination at higher-risk social and recreational events.

September 13 to October 24, 2021

Partially and fully vaccinated people will be able to enter these settings and events.

October 24, 2021

People will need to be fully vaccinated to enter these higher-risk social, recreational and discretionary events and businesses.

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Settings Where Proof of Vaccination is Required



Restaurants, pubs,
bars and lounges
(indoor and
outdoor dining)



Organized indoor events
with 50 or more people
(e.g. wedding receptions,
parties, conferences,
workshops, etc.)



Discretionary organized
indoor group
recreational classes
and activities



Indoor concerts,
theatre, dance and
symphony events



Fitness centres, gyms,
adult sports (indoor)



Indoor group exercise
activities



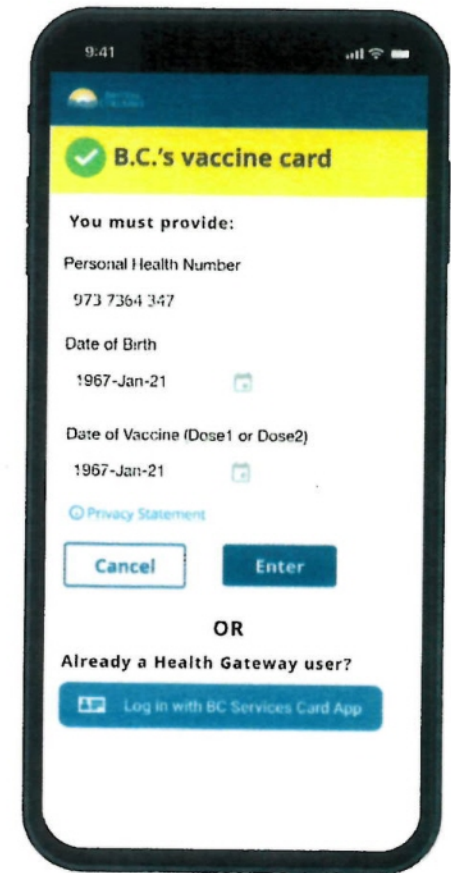
Night clubs, casinos,
movie theatres



Indoor ticketed
sporting events

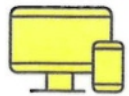
What is the BC Vaccine Card

- The BC Vaccine Card will allow people to conveniently and securely show their proof of vaccination using a digital or paper version.
- The BC Vaccine Card will show that you are either fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated or no record found.
- The BC Vaccine Card has a QR code which is a scannable square-shaped image, like bar code technology, that is readable by a digital device like a smartphone.
- There is a transition period up to and including September 26, 2021, for vaccinated people to obtain their BC Vaccine Card. During this time, the paper record provided at vaccine clinics will be an acceptable form of proof (BC Immunization Record Card).



Get Your BC Vaccine Card

- Starting September 7, 2021, you can follow these steps to obtain your BC Vaccine Card:



Step 1: Visit gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard

Enter your Personal Health Number, Date of Birth & Date of Vaccine (Dose 1 or Dose 2)



Step 2: Get your BC Vaccine Card

Save it to your mobile device or print it



Step 3: Have your BC vaccine card ready

- Your BC Vaccine Card is also available through the Health Gateway portal for Health Gateway users.

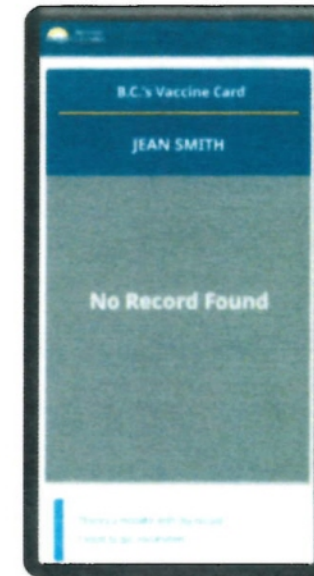
Three Results for BC Vaccine Card



Received both doses of a two dose vaccine; or one dose of single dose vaccine



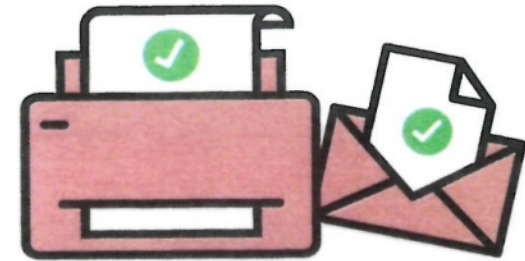
Received 1 dose of a two dose vaccine



No record of a vaccine in the Province of BC immunization registry

How to Get a Paper Copy of the BC Vaccine Card

- The website can be used to print your BC Vaccine Card by following the same 3 steps, and printing from a computer or phone.
- If you need help:
 - Ask a friend or family member to assist you to print your BC Vaccine Card
 - Call the Provincial Vaccine Line at 1-833-838-2323 to get your printed card mailed to you
 - Visit one of the 64 Service BC Centres who can print your card for you
- Please be patient if you call the call centre as we get through the high volumes.



How to Use Your BC Vaccine Card



- When you arrive at a business that requires proof of vaccination have your digital or paper BC Vaccine Card ready.



- You will be asked to display your BC Vaccine Card, along with a piece of valid government photo ID for people 19+. People 12-18 do not need to show ID.



- Families and caregivers can carry a copy of their loved one's BC Vaccine Card with them, or save multiple vaccine cards to their mobile device.

Verifying a BC Vaccine Card

Businesses will have two options to verify the BC Vaccine Card:

- Option 1 (Scan QR code)
- Option 2 (Visual verification)



BC Vaccine Card Verifier App

- Businesses will soon be able to download an app called the **BC Vaccine Card Verifier app**.
- Businesses can verify vaccination status using the app, alongside a second piece of government ID (for people 19+).
- The app only reads COVID-19 vaccination information and no additional health information will be stored on the app or smartphone.
- App is available for mobile Apple (iPhone, tablet) and Google Android devices as of September 13.

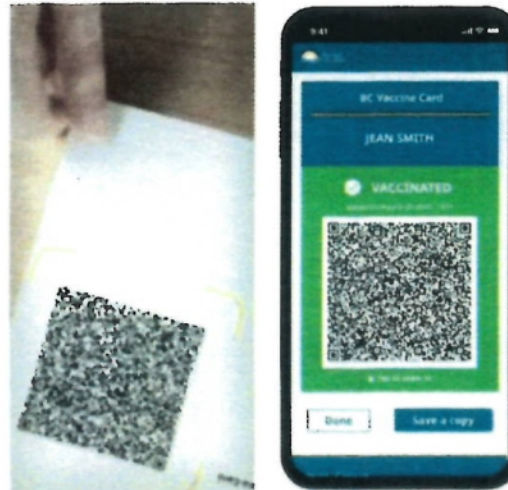


Business QR Code Scanning and Verification Steps

Step 1 – Download app from app store and allow access to camera



Step 2 – Scan the paper or digital copy of the BC Vaccine Card QR code



Step 3 – Check proof of vaccine and validate name with Photo ID if 19+



Visual Verification

- Businesses can also visually verify the digital or paper BC Vaccine Card — like checking proof of age for alcohol sales.
- On a person's BC Vaccine Card, make sure their name and vaccination details are visible.
- Verify BC Vaccine Card with a piece of government-issued photo ID for people 19+.



Transitioning to the BC Vaccine Card



- Starting on September 13, 2021, until September 26, 2021 - people will still be able to use the paper record provided at a dose 1 or dose 2 vaccine appointment or the BC Vaccine Card.
- Starting September 27, 2021, the BC Vaccine Card will be the only accepted form of proof. Businesses will continue to have the option to view or scan the paper or digital BC Vaccine Card.

Support for Businesses

- Information for businesses, including step by step instructions can be found at: gov.bc.ca/VaccineCard-Businesses.
- We encourage businesses to reach out to their associations if they have any questions or for more information visit gov.bc.ca/VaccineCard-Businesses.
- We will also be launching an information call line for businesses September 13, with more details to be shared soon.

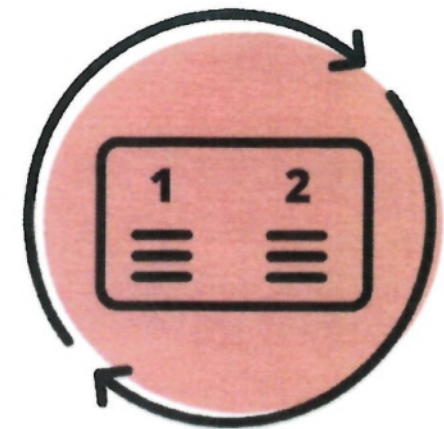


Privacy and Security of the BC Vaccine Card

- The BC Vaccine Card is designed using the global SMART Health Card framework.
- SMART Health Cards use QR codes to keep a copy of your record on hand and share this information with others if you choose. At this time, SMART Health Cards are being widely used to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccinations.
- This framework is standard for provinces in Canada to create a consistent approach and is being adopted in provinces and for international travel.
- These standards store only the absolute minimum information required to verify a vaccination record and are not connected to other health records.
- Do not post your QR code on social media.

Submit/Update Your Information for the BC Vaccine Card

- In the event your date of vaccination for Dose 1 or Dose 2 is not correct, go to the immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca to submit updates.
- Students and new and returning BC residents vaccinated outside of BC must use this service to submit their vaccine records to obtain a BC Vaccine Card.
- Submitting your information takes less than 5 minutes and every effort will be made to add your vaccine record within 4-7 days, however, this service will be impacted during periods of high volumes.



Acceptable Out-of-Province Proof of Vaccination

People from other Canadian provinces or territories must show:

- Provincially/territorially officially recognized vaccine record
- Valid government photo ID
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PHO Orders Are Enforceable

- Fines can be issued for violations of the Gatherings and Events and Food and Liquor Serving Premises orders.
- Violation tickets can be issued by:
 - Police officers
 - Community safety unit
 - Liquor and cannabis inspectors
 - Gaming investigators
 - Conservation officers
- Depending on the violation, the fine amount for individuals is \$230 or \$575, and \$2300 for event organizers or owners/operators of locations.

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