

What changed on October 25th?

Effective October 25th the REP Program requires **two doses** of approved vaccine (or single shot J&J) **plus 14 days**. This is reflected on the QR Code Verification App, and both those parameters must be met to get the green check mark. That does mean that people that may have met the single shot + 14 days prior to October 25th (and got the green check mark) **no longer do** – because they have either received just one shot, or not met the +14 days requirement. The App is not faulty, the Provincial standard has just changed. We continue to offer paper records of administered doses and QR codes.

*Note: **The QR code reflects their status at the time it was generated** – ie, if / when they get a second dose they need to generate a new QR code.*

What changes on November 15th?

The Alberta Government has stated that only the QR code will be acceptable proof of vaccination from this date. It does not have to be digital – it can still be a printed copy if they prefer (available from <https://covidrecords.alberta.ca/>). From that date, access will only be permitted with a QR code that can be scanned by our handheld devices.

YMCA Calgary has now released a process for individuals seeking medical exemption for facility access under the REP. The process can be found on our [FAQ's](#), and is as follows:

Medical Exemption for Facility Access

YMCA Calgary will accommodate individuals seeking medical exemption, as follows:\

Those requesting a medical exemption must initiate this request by emailing exemptions@calgary.ymca.ca, providing your full name, phone number and email address.

Please do not include any personal medical information.

- Medical exemption requests will be assessed by Lifemark, an independent absence and disability management provider with over 20 years' experience in a wide range of healthcare solutions.
- Each request for exemption will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, with the requirement to provide appropriate documentation where necessary, to determine whether an exemption applies.

Cost of this process is \$200.00, to be paid by the individual requesting an exemption. Should a medical exemption be approved, YMCA Calgary will reimburse the entire cost through a credit for programs and services. Payment will be taken by YMCA Calgary at the time of initiating exemption process

Note: Religious and moral exemptions are not permitted under the Provincial REP Program and the Municipal Bylaw