

September 17, 2021

"Alberta has declared a state of public health emergency. COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise, largely in unvaccinated Albertans. New measures to protect the health care system, stop the spread, and increase vaccination rates come into effect starting September 16." (www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx)

The City of Fort Saskatchewan has continued it's commitment to community health, well-being and safety in all facilities by enacting Alberta's <u>Restriction Exemption Program</u>. This program will enable vaccinated patrons, participants and volunteers to continue to engage in events and services without additional constraints on how they are operated. Without this program additional restrictions would be implied including reductions in venue capacity and limitations on types of activities. Participation in the program is mandatory for all facility bookings and events.

The <u>Restrictions Exemption Program</u> requires partnerships between City facilities and clients who offer programs within them. The City of Fort Saskatchewan is committed to developing these partnerships to ensure the safety and well-being of all those in attendance. Our clients and partners include those with facility bookings in these spaces, program instructors, artists, and performers.

Effective Monday, September 20th:

All those 12 years of age and older who enter City facilities will be asked to show one of the following:

- 1. Proof of (1) dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- 2. Documentation of a medical exemption from COVID-19 vaccination
- 3. Proof of a privately-paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours

Without one of the above access to this facility will not be permitted.

Facial coverings or masks are required at all times unless directly engaging in physical activity.

After Sunday, October 24th:

All those 12 years of age and older who enter City facilities will be asked to show one of the following:

- 1. Proof of (2) doses of COVID-19 vaccine
- 2. Medical exemption from vaccination
- 3. Proof of a privately-paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours

Without one of the above access to this facility will not be permitted.

Facial coverings or masks are required at all times unless directly engaging in physical activity.

You know your people best! For all registered programs and activities, we are asking our partners to prescreen your participants checking for compliance to the conditions listed above. Having these conversations prior to arrival will expedite the onsite process.



For publically offered opportunities please work with our facility booking team members to find the best steps forward. These could include advanced marketing information or on-site processes that will make things easier for everyone in attendance.

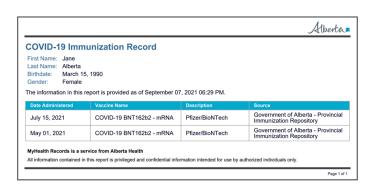
By requiring proof of vaccination or a recent negative privately-purchased COVID-19 test, all City programs and services can continue to be offered uninterrupted and without capacity limits.

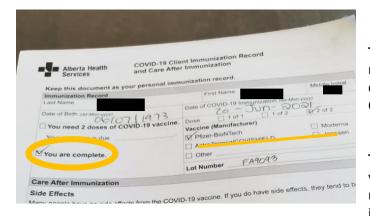
From **September 20 – 26** – we will ask for vaccines and it will be on the honour system as not everyone will have their records yet. Starting **September 27**, proof of vaccines will be required.

From **September 20 – October 25** – one dose is acceptable. After October 25 – Both doses are required. There are multiple types of proof of vaccines.

Note: Proof of vaccination must be shown upon each visit. Vaccination proof will only be viewed and will not be collected or saved at this time.

One: The COVID-19 Immunization Record issued by the Government of Alberta. These are available on September 19th.





Two: The record you received when you received your vaccine. It may also say first dose complete. One dose is acceptable until October 25.

Three: Pharmacies may provide an alternative vaccine report. The report should include name, date of birth, date of issue, and whether it is first or second dose.



The other option for people is to provide a negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test result within 72 hours. This will include the name of the individual, the results, and who provided the test.

A medical exception letter from an authorized health professional. The medical exception letter must come from a nurse practitioner, physician or psychologist.



For more information about the Restriction Exemption Program please visit:

Government of Alberta: <u>LINK</u>City of Fort Saskatchewan: <u>LINK</u>

We look forward to continuing our services with our partners through the safe implementation of this new program. Please continue the conversation with our staff about possible impacts to your activity.

Information is subject to change with any new health orders or information.

Thank you.