

RINGETTE PEI COVID-19 GUIDELINES

2021-2022 SEASON
UPDATED NOVEMBER 2021



SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 ringette season, Ringette PEI developed a set of Return to Play guidelines to help the ringette community navigate the realities of playing ringette during the COVID-19 pandemic. With COVID-19 still very much present in our community, all Ringette PEI members will be required to abide by the updated health guidelines outlined in this document for the 2021-2022 season.

These guidelines have been developed in accordance with the guidelines in place by the PEI Chief Public Health Office and the Government of PEI. More info regarding COVID on PEI can be found [here](#). In order to participate in any Ringette PEI sanctioned events all members of Ringette PEI including athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators, board members, and staff must abide by these guidelines.

Our number one priority is to provide a safe environment for all Ringette PEI participants so we can continue to play the sport we love!

Please note: These guidelines are subject to change with little to no notice. Be sure to refer back to them often and/or keep an eye on Ringette PEI social media outlets for updates.



SECTION 2

FACILITIES AND COHORTS

All Island facilities are required to submit and follow an Operational Plan that has been approved by the Chief Public Health Office (CPHO). Each facility may have different guidelines in place so it is recommended that teams check with facilities beforehand.

CPHO has removed the spectator cohort limit and now facilities can allow up to their full capacity so long as those 12 years and older have shown their proof of vaccination. During short periods of interactions at entry/exit points, washrooms and concessions, physical distancing should be maintained. Ice/participant cohorts will continue to be 100. Parents and designated volunteers can assist young participants to tie skates etc. without impacting the maximum number of people within a participant cohort. The parents and volunteers must display proof of vaccination to access the facility and then once their child is ready, they can move to the spectator section of the facility.

On-ice participants should continue to arrive up to 30 minutes before their ice time and leave as quickly as possible after their ice time. Spectators should continue to enter at the start of the ice time and vacate the facility as soon as the ice time is over to avoid crossing with the next group coming in.

There should still be efforts made for people to keep physical distancing and not to “crowd” in areas that tend to get congested (lobbies, washrooms, etc.)



SECTION 3

PEI VAX PASS

The Prince Edward Island Government will be implementing a COVID-19 PEI Vax Pass effective October 5th, 2021. Ringette PEI sanctioned events will require proof of vaccination for access to facilities and events.

PARTICIPANTS

- Proof of vaccination will **be required** for all players participating in the 18+ (Open) division
- Players in U19 and below will **not be required** to show proof of vaccination to participate
- If the group has a combination of participants 18 years and under and 19 years and over, all participants are required to show their vaccine status.

VOLUNTEERS

- All volunteers aged 12 and over involved in a Ringette PEI activity are required to show proof of vaccination. This includes coaches, managers, on ice helpers, program leaders, and support personnel (trainers).

OFFICIALS

- All on-ice officials (referees) and off-ice officials (clock, shot clock, and game sheet workers/volunteers) must show proof of vaccination.

SPECTATORS

- All spectators of Ringette PEI sanctioned events 12 years of age and above must show proof of vaccination to be allowed entry to the facility.
- Children under the age of 12 are exempt from having to provide proof of vaccination

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PROOF OF VACCINATION AND MONITORING

To show proof of vaccination an official vaccination record AND a piece of valid government photo ID such as a driver's license, passport or photo ID issued by another province or territory must be presented. Individuals 12-17 years of age are not required to provide photo ID but must show vaccination record when required.

Some facilities will have a staff person in place to monitor vaccination proof. Some facilities may not. It is highly recommended that each team, whether you are playing a home or an away game, have someone in place prior to coming to the facility to monitor, if need be. It will take some time for facilities, user groups and participants to figure out the best way to enact these new guidelines. Please be patient with staff and volunteers and arrive to the rink with your required documentation ready to allow for efficient admittance.

COLLECTION AND STORAGE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO VERIFYING PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION

Team and association representatives shall NOT retain an individual's proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of medical exemption unless given consent by the individual. This includes recording vaccination statuses on a list of names, see Appendix A for an example.

With the written consent, team managers/COVID officers may keep a record of the fact only (not a physical copy of proof) that a person has provided proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of medical exemption to satisfy the requirements of this Order, in relation to someone who frequently attends ringette events. The record that proof of vaccination was verified may only be kept as long as the Vax Pass program is in place. Further, it is not advised to request proof of vaccination be sent by email as email is not a secure way to transfer information.

Associations must keep all personal information confidential. Anyone seeking to collect or retain additional information than that authorized by the public health order for the PEI Vax Pass Program are responsible to seek their own legal counsel.

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CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12

Children 11 years of age and younger are exempt from needing to provide a proof of vaccination to enter businesses or attend events at this time as they are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. Children who are soon turning 12 years old have a three-month grace period to get fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination e.g. a child whose 12th birthday is September 1, 2021, will have until December 1, 2021 to get fully vaccinated.

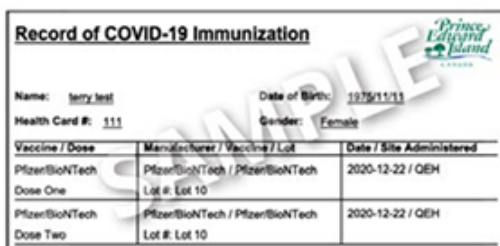
FULLY VACCINATED

Individuals are considered fully immunized 14 days after receiving the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine approved for use in Canada or a combination of two different COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in Canada.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

Participants who are medically exempt from receiving a COVID-19 vaccine must show a Medical Exemption Letter from the Chief Public Health Office to be able to enter a facility for ringette events.

Even with a PEI Vaccine Pass policy in place, we must still continue to follow all public health measures as outlined in this document.



Record of COVID-19 Immunization

Name: Jerry Test Date of Birth: 1975/11/11
 Health Card #: 511 Gender: Female

Vaccine / Dose	Manufacturer / Vaccine / Lot	Date / Site Administered
PfizerBioNTech Dose One	PfizerBioNTech / PfizerBioNTech Lot #: Lot 10	2020-12-22 / QEH
PfizerBioNTech Dose Two	PfizerBioNTech / PfizerBioNTech Lot #: Lot 10	2020-12-22 / QEH

Paper Record



Health PEI Personal to: CAM/Donna/John

My COVID-19 Immunization Record

Below you can find a summary of your COVID-19 vaccination record.
 This is your official COVID-19 immunization record. Please ensure you print a copy and store it in a safe place for future personal use.
 If you would like to report an error or correction to your information below, check with Health PEI toll free at 1-844-915-3303.

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 April 12, 1984

Received Vaccinations

- COVID-19**
 PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 mRNA
 Lot Number: 081184
 Received on: June 16, 2021
- COVID-19**
 PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 mRNA
 Lot Number: 081775
 Received on: June 30, 2021

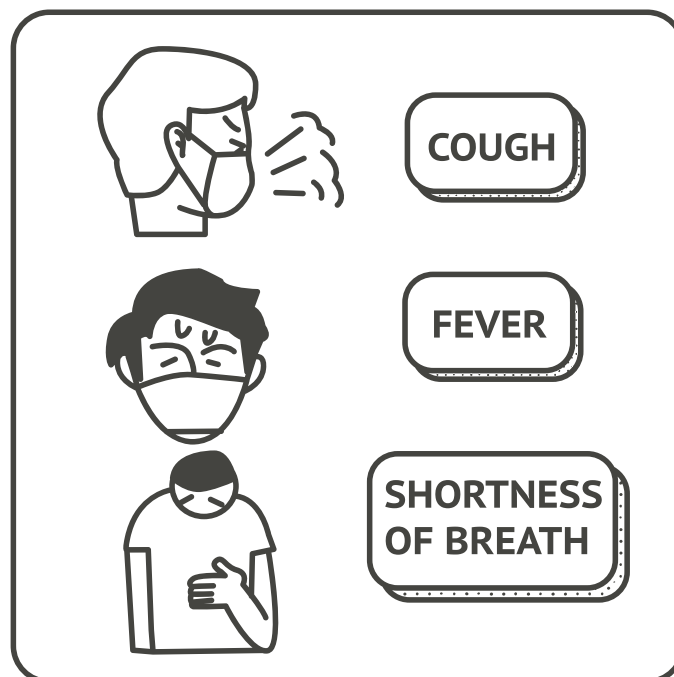
Electronic Record

SECTION 4

CONTACT TRACING AND SELF MONITORING

Contact tracing **will not be required at facilities and events where proof of vaccination is required**. Teams should still keep a log of participants and team staff who attend each game and practice to be given to CPHO in the event of a positive COVID-19 case at a ringette event or facility.

All participants must continue to self monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and not attend any ringette events if experiencing these symptoms. By attending, the participant is acknowledging that they pass screening requirements and are showing no signs of COVID-19 symptoms.



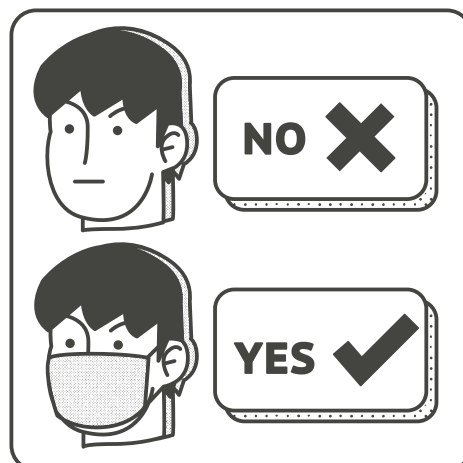
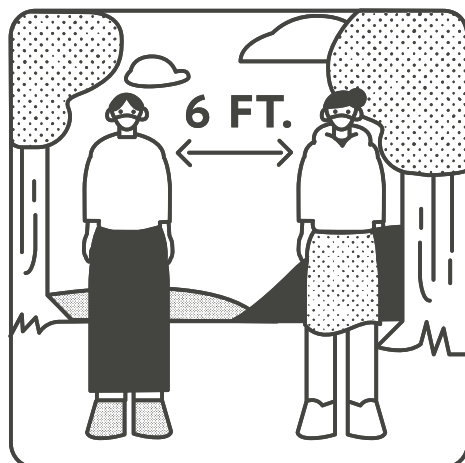
SECTION 5

MASKS AND HYGIENE

MASKS

Non-medical masks must be worn in all indoor public spaces on PEI. All Ringette PEI participants will be required to wear a mask when inside facilities at all times.

- Players and officials can remove their masks once helmets go on. Masks should be put on as soon as helmets come off in the dressing room.
- Team staff must keep masks on at all times, especially on the benches. If team staff is on the ice during a practice or game, they are not required to wear a mask.
- All spectators must wear masks and abide by all guidelines put in place by the facility including maintaining a 6 foot space between them and others not in their cohort.



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HYGIENE

- Continue to wash and sanitize hands frequently
- All participants must have their own water bottle clearly marked with their name or another distinguishing feature. Sharing of water bottles is **NOT PERMITTED**
- Communal equipment should be sanitized regularly
- Do not spit, sneeze, or cough openly, as this increases the risk of transmission, always be sure to cover your mouth/nose and sanitize/wash hands afterwards
- Try to keep yelling and cheering to a minimum
- If you are feeling unwell, stay home and seek out medical attention and/or COVID-19 testing.



SECTION 6

TRAVEL AND

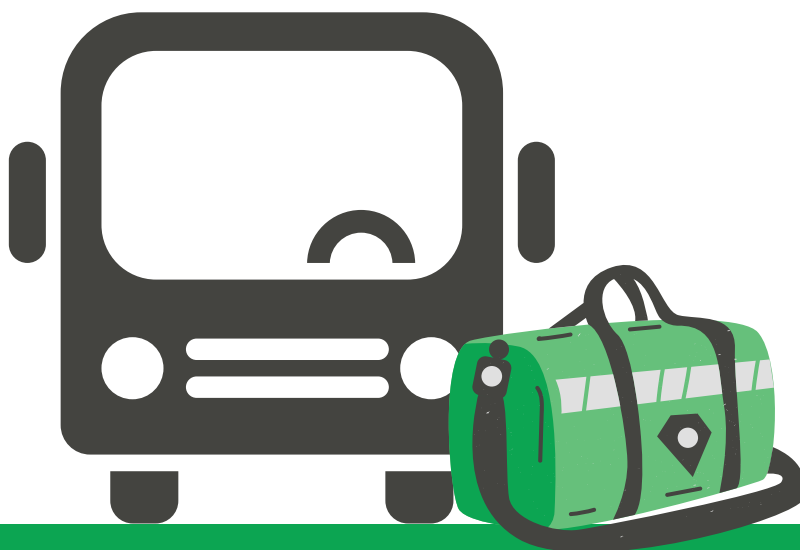
TOURNAMENTS

TRAVEL

Interprovincial travel is high risk, however, borders between the Atlantic Provinces remain open at this time. The decision to travel for interprovincial tournaments and competitions is at the discretion of Ringette PEI. If teams decide to travel they are subject to all health guidelines in place by the PEI Government and the government of the province travelling to. All travelers must have a valid PEI Pass or be willing to undergo routine testing at points of entry and complete the 8 day isolation period if not fully vaccinated. Travel sanction forms must be filled out and submitted to Ringette PEI for approval prior to travel in accordance with our Sanction and Travel Policy. These can be submitted through the Ringette PEI website [here](#).

TOURNAMENTS

Associations can host tournaments as long as they have an approved operational plan and follow all current CPHO guidelines in place for gatherings and sporting events during the time of the tournament.



APPENDIX A

PROOF OF VACCINE VERIFICATION FORM

Proof of Vaccine Verification Form TEAM ABCDE

By signing in the space below, I am allowing Team ABCDE to record the fact that I have provided proof of vaccination, it has been checked and it will kept on file for future events.

Please make sure the “verified by” signature is legible.

Athlete's Name	Frequent Supporters	Signed by the Supporter	Verified by
Jane Brown	Violet Brown (mother)	<i>V Brown</i>	Sally Black
	Red Brown (father)	<i>Red Brown</i>	Sally Black
	June Brown (grandmother)	<i>June Brown</i>	Sally Black
	John White (Her boyfriend)		
Player B	Player B's Mom (her name)		
	Player B's Dad (his name)		
	Player B's Sister (her name)		
	Player B's Brother (his name)		
And so on...			

When Violet, Red and June come to the next game, they just need to show ID of who they are (unless the person checking them in knows them) but John still needs to show proof of vaccination. All of them should have their proof of vaccination with them just in case.