

Friends of Ye Olde Towne Hall – Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate Program

Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine certificate program, which launched Wednesday, September 22, prohibits those who have not been fully vaccinated from accessing certain indoor non-essential services including Meeting and event spaces such as Ye Olde Towne Hall in Ailsa Craig. Patrons wanting to visit will have to show proof that they have received both doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine 14 days prior.

These are the answers to some of the top questions about the program.

Who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the COVID-19 vaccine certificate program?

At Ye Olde Towne Hall the renter or the organizer of the event is responsible for ensuring compliance. Businesses that are caught failing to check vaccination status face \$1,000 fines. People who force their way into a business without showing proof of vaccination can be fined \$750. Prior to entry into Ye Olde Towne Hall the organizer of the event will visually verify your vaccine certificate with accompanying government-issued physical identification such as a drivers license.

How do you get your vaccine certificate?

The province has split its vaccine passport rollout into two stages. In the first step, beginning on Sept. 22, a vaccination receipt issued by email after receiving the second COVID-19 vaccine may be used. You are able to access an electronic copy of your receipt through the provincial website available here:

<https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/> The website will prompt you to enter the following information:

- A green photo health (OHIP) card (you will need the numbers from the front and back of the card, expired cards will be accepted)
- Date of birth
- Postal code that is associated with the health card

From there, you should be able to download and/or print your vaccination receipt. If you are asked to wait in line to access the website, remain on the website and wait the listed amount of time. Once your turn in the line is reached, you should be able to access the page for your receipt. Users are instructed to print or save their receipts as a PDF to a mobile device which can then be used as proof-of-vaccination.

On Oct. 22, the province's QR code and verification app will come into effect. At that time, users will be required to request their certificate through the province's forthcoming digital portal or service desk.

Can I get a medical exemption?

Proof of a negative COVID-19 test or a recent infection will not replace the vaccine certificates.

The Ontario government said there are two valid medical exemptions to getting the vaccine. The first would be an allergic reaction to a component of the vaccine within an individual, which must be confirmed by an allergist or immunologist. The second would be if an individual suffered myocarditis or pericarditis after the first dose of a vaccine. If you have a medical exemption to the COVID-19 vaccine certificate program, you must present identification and a written document.

Children under 12 will not need to show proof of vaccination.