

MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION



VACCINE PASSPORTS

Vaccine Passports: Identification papers proving vaccination records.

Useful for: Travel, large events, schools, and workplaces.

Canada's current plan: Create an international document for travel between allied countries. This document will likely have wider use.

Already required: Various occupations, such as nurses and physicians, already required to have proof of vaccination for employment. Elementary schools require children to be vaccinated to remain in school (Ontario and New Brunswick). Many countries require travelers to get specific vaccinations. In the 1890s the British colony of India required travelers to present proof of vaccination against a plague.

Forgeries: Physical cards used to identify vaccination are open to falsification and may lead to further outbreaks. Digital immunity apps could be a solution.



WILL IT BE MANDATORY IN CANADA?

Canada may decide to allow for mandatory Covid Vaccines.

Employers/schools: Would require proof of vaccination before people can return to in person settings.

Businesses: Potential requirement for vaccine identification prior to entry of stores, gyms, or other public places. This would resemble the current requirement of wearing a mask indoors.

Post-Secondary Institutions: Possibility of colleges and universities requiring students show proof of vaccination either by submitting a copy of their vaccination records or by showing a vaccine passport. This could be something that comes up in relation to placements or regular in person classes. In the USA hundreds of colleges have already announced intent to have such requirements for students and staff.



CHARTER IMPLICATIONS

Section 1: Reasonable limits. Simply put any Charter right can be limited or restricted if it can be demonstrated justifiable in a free and democratic society. Meaning if the rights of the individual are harming the collective the individual right may be limited within reason.

Section 6: Allows Canadian citizens the right to leave and enter Canada and her provinces at will and to take up residency in any province barring any reasonable legal requirements.

Section 7: Provides the right to life, liberty and security of the person, the last part is most relevant as in part it means the ability to control your own actions and decisions which is applicable to medical treatments.

RESOURCES & ARTICLES

<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/rfc-dlc/ccrf-ccdl/check/>

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/political-opinion/2021/03/29/canada-must-make-covid-19-vaccinations-mandatory.html>

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