COVID-19 IN BC

BC Vaccine Card

Keeping People Safe and Businesses Open

September 7, 2021







Vaccines are Working

- 85.1% of people 12 years and older in B.C. have received a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Recent modelling from BCCDC in August shows unvaccinated people are at increased risk:
 - . 12x greater risk of infection
 - 34x greater risk of hospitalization
 - 8x greater risk of death from COVID-19
- Getting vaccinated and showing proof of vaccination will help protect people and communities, keep businesses open, and allow events to take place.

Proof of Vaccination Takes Effect September 13

September 13, 2021

September 13 to October 24, 2021

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People will be required to show their proof of vaccination at higher-risk social and recreational events.

Partially and fully vaccinated people will be able to enter these settings and events.

People will need to be fully vaccinated to enter these higher-risk social, recreational and discretionary events and businesses.

Settings Where Proof of Vaccination is Required



Restaurants, pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and outdoor dining)



Organized indoor events with 50 or more people (e.g. wedding receptions, parties, conferences, workshops, etc.)



Discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities



Indoor concerts, theatre, dance and symphony events



Fitness centres, gyms, adult sports (indoor)



Indoor group exercise activities



Night clubs, casinos, movie theatres



Indoor ticketed sporting events

What is the BC Vaccine Card

- The BC Vaccine Card will allow people to conveniently and securely show their proof of vaccination using a digital or paper version.
- The BC Vaccine Card will show that you are either fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated or no record found.
- The BC Vaccine Card has a QR code which is a scannable square-shaped image, like bar code technology, that is readable by a digital device like a smartphone.
- There is a transition period up to and including September 26, 2021, for vaccinated people to obtain their BC Vaccine Card. During this time, the paper record provided at vaccine clinics will be an acceptable form of proof (BC Immunization Record Card).



Get Your BC Vaccine Card

 Starting September 7, 2021, you can follow these steps to obtain your BC Vaccine Card:



Step 1: Visit gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard

Enter your Personal Health Number, Date of Birth & Date of Vaccine (Dose 1 or Dose 2)



Step 2: Get your BC Vaccine Card

Save it to your mobile device or print it



Step 3: Have your BC vaccine card ready

 Your BC Vaccine Card is also available through the Health Gateway portal for Health Gateway users.

Three Results for BC Vaccine Card



Received both doses of a two dose vaccine; or one dose of single dose vaccine



Received 1 dose of a two dose vaccine



No record of a vaccine in the Province of BC immunization registry

How to Get a Paper Copy of the BC Vaccine Card

- The website can be used to print your BC Vaccine Card by following the same 3 steps, and printing from a computer or phone.
- If you need help:
 - Ask a friend or family member to assist you to print your BC Vaccine Card
 - Call the Provincial Vaccine Line at 1-833-838-2323 to get your printed card mailed to you
 - Visit one of the 64 Service BC Centres who can print your card for you
- Please be patient if you call the call centre as we get through the high volumes.



How to Use Your BC Vaccine Card



 When you arrive at a business that requires proof of vaccination have your digital or paper BC Vaccine Card ready.



 You will be asked to display your BC Vaccine Card, along with a piece of valid government photo ID for people 19+. People 12-18 do not need to show ID.



 Families and caregivers can carry a copy of their loved one's BC Vaccine Card with them, or save multiple vaccine cards to their mobile device.

Verifying a BC Vaccine Card

Businesses will have two options to verify the BC Vaccine Card:

- Option 1 (Scan QR code)
- Option 2 (Visual verification)



BC Vaccine Card Verifier App

- Businesses will soon be able to download an app called the **BC Vaccine Card Verifier app**.
- Businesses can verify vaccination status using the app, alongside a second piece of government ID (for people 19+).
- The app only reads COVID-19 vaccination information and no additional health information will be stored on the app or smartphone.
- App is available for mobile Apple (iPhone, tablet) and Google Android devices as of September 13.



Business QR Code Scanning and Verification Steps

Step 1 – Download app from app store and allow access to camera



Step 2 – Scan the paper or digital copy of the BC Vaccine Card QR code



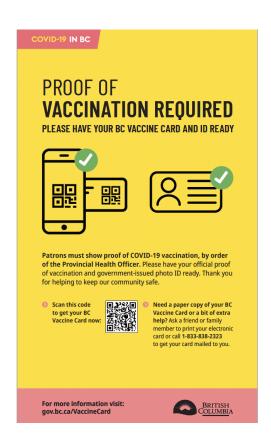


Step 3 – Check proof of vaccine and validate name with Photo ID if 19+



Visual Verification

- Businesses can also visually verify the digital or paper BC Vaccine Card — like checking proof of age for alcohol sales.
- On a person's BC Vaccine Card, make sure their name and vaccination details are visible.
- Verify BC Vaccine Card with a piece of government-issued photo ID for people 19+.



Transitioning to the BC Vaccine Card



- Starting on September 13, 2021, until September 26, 2021 people will still be able to use the paper record provided at a dose 1 or dose 2 vaccine appointment or the BC Vaccine Card.
- Starting September 27, 2021, the BC Vaccine Card will be the only accepted form of proof. Businesses will continue to have the option to view or scan the paper or digital BC Vaccine Card.

Support for Businesses

- Information for businesses, including step by step instructions can be found at: gov.bc.ca/VaccineCard-Businesses.
- We encourage businesses to reach out to their associations if they have any questions or for more information visit gov.bc.ca/VaccineCard-Businesses.
- We will also be launching an information call line for businesses September 13, with more details to be shared soon.

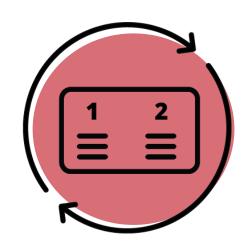


Privacy and Security of the BC Vaccine Card

- The BC Vaccine Card is designed using the global SMART Health Card framework.
- SMART Health Cards use QR codes to keep a copy of your record on hand and share this information with others if you choose. At this time, SMART Health Cards are being widely used to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccinations.
- This framework is standard for provinces in Canada to create a consistent approach and is being adopted in provinces and for international travel.
- These standards store only the absolute minimum information required to verify a vaccination record and are not connected to other health records.
- Do not post your QR code on social media.

Submit/Update Your Information for the BC Vaccine Card

- In the event your date of vaccination for Dose 1 or Dose 2 is not correct, go to the immunization record.gov.bc.ca to submit updates.
- Students and new and returning BC residents vaccinated outside of BC must use this service to submit their vaccine records to obtain a BC Vaccine Card.
- Submitting your information takes less than 5 minutes and every effort will be made to add your vaccine record within 4-7 days, however, this service will be impacted during periods of high volumes.



Acceptable Out-of-Province Proof of Vaccination

People from other Canadian provinces or territories must show:

- Provincially/territorially officially recognized vaccine record
- Valid government photo ID
- A list of acceptable out-of-province vaccine records will be shared with businesses and available on gov.bc.ca/VaccineCard-Businesses

International visitors must show:

- Proof of vaccination they used to enter Canada
- Passport



Public Health Orders Currently in Place

Masks continue to be required in all indoor public spaces for people aged 12+.

Current capacity limits remain in place for indoor gatherings and events (50 people or 50% of capacity, whichever is greater).

Use of the BC Vaccine Card means we can plan to transition to removing these capacity limits by full implementation on October 24.



PHO Orders Are Enforceable

- Fines can be issued for violations of the Gatherings and Events and Food and Liquor Serving Premises orders.
- Violation tickets can be issued by:
 - Police officers
 - Community safety unit
 - Liquor and cannabis inspectors
 - Gaming investigators
 - Conservation officers
- Depending on the violation, the fine amount for individuals is \$230 or \$575, and \$2300 for event organizers or owners/operators of locations.

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