

PEI Vax Pass Information for the Sport and Recreation Sector
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Thanks for everyone's work thus far in the implementation of the Vaxpass program in the sport and recreation sector. This is the third (and maybe final) bulletin on the Vaxpass for the sector. Although the majority of questions have been answered, there were still a few questions coming in that we believed should be answered in a consistent way.

Arena Entrance and Exit Timing

Earlier this week the CPHO removed the spectator cohort limit and so now facilities can allow up to their full capacity so long as those 12 years and older have shown their proof of vaccination. There have been some questions from facilities around the logistics of this protocol change particularly around the entrance and exit timing.

Theoretically, this change would allow spectators to come and leave as they please, however practically this likely isn't possible due to the way the Vaxpass is being administered in many sport/rec facilities. In cases where the facility is asking the user groups to check the Vaxpass, it is highly recommended that everyone continue to follow the entrance and exit timing of:

- Players arrival 30 minutes prior to the ice time
- Spectators arrival 10 minutes prior to the ice time once the other group is finished
- Spectators depart at the end of the activity

The consistent application of protocols across facilities seems to be one of the keys for the smooth administration of any of these policy decisions.

In cases where facilities have hired staff to manage the Vaxpass or for major ticketed events, the facility can determine their own entrance/exit policies so long as they are meeting the protocols of the Vax Pass program.

Safe Sport & Younger Participants

There are children enrolled in sport and recreation programs where their parents and/or guardian does not meet the proof of vaccination requirement for admission to the facility. For some of these families, this causes some concern because they aren't always comfortable allowing their child to enter a facility, get prepared for their activity, participate in the activity and then depart afterwards without parental support. In these cases, it may require a little additional work on the family or the group leading the organization to develop a system where the participant is supported.

We absolutely want this child participating in sport and recreation, but the parent/guardian is not to be permitted to access the facility if they do not meet the proof of vaccination requirement. This is where some additional efforts may be required:

- The family in question can reach out to another family in the program and ask them to support their child.

- The coach, program leader or program volunteers develop a system to support this child making sure the leaders are always following safe sport procedures including the rule of two.

Working in partnership with the family and facility is the best way to go in terms of supporting the child's interest in participating in the activity.

Younger Aged Sport Programs

Parents and designated volunteers can assist young participants to tie skates etc. without impacting the maximum number of people within a participant cohort (which is 100 for sports). 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.

Can we use Spectator Spaces around the Boards and Glass at Arena's?

This varies from facility to facility but if we go back to the basic rules of not wanting the participant cohort and spectator cohort mixing for any period of time (other than fleeting) then you need to determine if this is possible in your facility. If the players and coaches of the participant cohort generally stand in a particular area to get to their change room or in preparation for their ice time, then this location shouldn't be used for spectators standing along the boards. If there is no concern of the participant and spectator cohort mixing, then spectators can stand along the boards.

What do we do for outdoor events with no single access point?

If you are hosting an outdoor sport and recreation event where the facility is gated, and admission can be controlled then there is a requirement to check for proof of vaccination upon entry. Examples of these types of facilities include the turf field in Summerside at Eric Johnson field and the UPEI soccer field. If the facility doesn't have a single access point but has a large set of bleachers where fans are congregating together in that space, then proof of vaccination is required to access that space. Examples include many ball fields in many communities.

If the facility is an open space where spectators can arrive in any number of directions and times and there is ample space for the spectators to sit physically distanced and it isn't a large event, then there isn't a requirement to check proof of vaccination. Examples of this would include some ball fields, soccer fields, field-based programs like run-jump-throw. Please note that participant regulations for Vaxpass are still in effect (18 and under exempt, coaches and program leaders are required to provide proof of vaccination).

What do we do if someone is not obeying the Proof of Vaccination Requirements?

Any organization responsible for checking the proof of vaccination for Vaxpass events has a duty to make sure the spectators (12 years and older) are showing their documentation and ID (19 yrs and older only for ID). If there is a spectator who arrives and wants to enter without the proper documentation, they are to be advised that they aren't allowed to enter. In the ideal situation they will respect the rules, understand the person at the door isn't the one setting them and leave the facility.

If they refuse to provide proof-of-vaccination and become aggressive or insist on entering, the person working the door should avoid escalating the situation. Advise them they aren't allowed to enter but

don't turn it into a confrontation. The process at this point is to complete the attached (Vaxpass Non-Compliance Form for Sport and Recreation) and include as much information as possible. Take a photo of the completed form and send the information to vaxpass@gov.pe.ca and someone from enforcement will follow up with the person in question. The documentation and submission of the information for a non-compliant person is a very important part of the Vaxpass program and is a requirement of the group responsible for working at the door.

**Vaxpass Non-Compliance Form
Sport and Recreation Sector**

Information on the Organization Enforcing the Vaxpass Program

Organization Name	
Person at the Entrance	
Contact Phone Number	
Contact Email	

Non-Compliance Details

Date	
Time of Day	
Facility Location	
Name of the person who did not observe the proof of vaccination (if known)	
Contact information of the person who did not observe the proof of vaccination (if known)	
Details of the situation (please explain what happened)	

Submitted by

Date

Please submit copy of the form to vaxpass@gov.pe.ca

Questions can be addressed at 1-833-533-9333