



News Release

Proof of Full Vaccination Now Required at Recreation Centres

Sechelt, BC – October 28, 2021 – As per an [order from the Provincial Health Officer](#), proof of full vaccination is now required to access some Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) recreation activities. The order also includes the need for spectators at events, such as ice hockey, to show proof of vaccination before being allowed to enter the spectator area.

The following outlines when vaccine card checks are required:

Vaccine Card Check Required:

- All individuals (12 yrs +) participating in physical activities (e.g. weight room, fitness classes, adult/shared court use, adult sports in the arena)
- Public Skating and drop-in hockey programs
- All adult programs and activities with 50+ participants
- Any event that attracts in excess of 49 spectators (aged 12 yrs +)
- Discretionary activities as more information and details are released by the Province
- Adult volunteers assisting with youth programs/activities

Vaccine Card **Not Required:**

- Swimming pools (including aquafit)
- Happy Hearts Plus Cardiac Rehabilitation Program
- Youth organized sport and recreational activities
- Parents attending solely to drop their children off for a program/activity
- Spectator groups and static activities with less than 50 people

The current provincial health order also states that masks are now mandatory for those aged 5 and over in indoor public settings, including recreation facilities. Read more about this [here](#).

The SCRД would like to remind patrons and spectators entering our recreation facilities that the SCRД is following a Provincial Health Order. In recent weeks, staff have been subjected to abusive remarks when checking vaccination cards. SCRД staff have been instructed to immediately cease any conversation or interaction that turns disrespectful or abusive and to immediately report such interactions to management.

Spectators arriving at recreation centres should expect delays when entering the facilities in the coming weeks as staff will be checking for proof of vaccination, which must be accompanied by a corresponding I.D. Please note that youth aged 12-18 are not required to show valid government photo ID along with their proof of vaccination.

Further information can be found at www.scrd.ca/recreation-restart