

## NEW COVID-19 MEASURES

### New Brunswick's Vaccination Policy for Certain Businesses, Organizations and Services



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Who needs to show proof of vaccination?

Everyone [12 years of age and older](#) must show proof of vaccination to access certain events, services, and businesses.

### 2. What businesses and organizations need to verify proof of vaccinations from patrons?

Businesses and organizations in the [following areas or offering the following services](#) will need to verify proof of vaccination from all patrons, customers, and participants:  
indoor festivals, performing arts and sporting events;

- indoor and outdoor dining and drinking at restaurants, pubs and bars;
- movie theatres, nightclubs, amusement centres, pool halls, bowling alleys and casinos;
- gyms, indoor pools and indoor recreation facilities;
- indoor group exercise facilities;
- indoor organized gatherings including weddings, funerals, parties (excluding parties in a private dwelling), conferences and workshops;
- indoor organized group recreational sports, classes and activities; and
- visiting a long-term care facility.

### 3. What information will businesses be required to verify?

Events, businesses, and services would be required to ask to see [proof of vaccination and government-issued identification](#) from all patrons and participants.

- People can provide a proof of vaccination that can be [obtained via different means](#), including: MyHealthNB portal, an immunization record from an RHA clinic or pharmacy, an immunization record from Public Health, or proof of vaccination from another jurisdiction. [A copy or picture](#) of your original is acceptable.
- Individuals who cannot receive a vaccine because of a medical exemption will be required to show [Medical Certificate of Exemption](#), signed by a healthcare provider.

### 4. Do patrons need to show ID along with proof of vaccination?

Yes, people must show [government issued identification](#) along with proof of vaccination. i.e. driver's license, Medicare card, birth certificate, government ID, etc. [A copy or picture](#) of your original is acceptable.

### 5. Do employees need to be vaccinated?

The provincial government has announced that, based on the current level of COVID-19 hospitalizations, a state of emergency is being reinstated and a [mandatory order](#) will come

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into effect at 11:59 p.m. tonight. It will include new measures to ensure physical distancing is maintained and require certain businesses and events to have a vaccination or masking-and-testing workplace policy.

- Businesses and events where people gather or exercise, including museums, cinemas, theatres, bingo halls, casinos, amusement centres, arenas, game rooms, pools halls, live entertainment venues, weddings, funerals, gyms, yoga studios and similar venues must ensure all employees are fully vaccinated or are continuously masked and tested regularly. Patrons and participants entering such events remain required to be fully vaccinated.
- Physical distancing is required at businesses, services or events where proof of vaccination is not required, such as grocery and retail stores, private businesses and libraries.

Businesses can access rapid testing kits through their local chamber of commerce. More information about the program [is available online](#).

All current public health measures will also remain in place, including the mandatory use of masks in indoor public spaces and the requirement to [show proof of full vaccination](#) when accessing certain events, services and businesses.

Spot checks will be conducted by enforcement officers at borders and at businesses, and fines will be issued if businesses or individuals are not complying with the rules. Under the mandatory order, fines can range between \$480 and \$20,400.

#### 6. Can a negative test be used instead of a vaccination?

No.

#### 7. How does this apply to restaurant patrons?

- Patrons who have entered to [sit for a meal](#), would be required to provide proof of vaccination and identification
- These measures apply to [outdoor dining](#).
- [Patrons picking up food](#) that are not congregating in the area for long periods of time do not have to present proof of vaccination.

#### 8. How does this apply to facility suppliers and partners?

- Suppliers and industry partners that enter the business for the purpose of [providing a service or delivery](#) do not need to show proof of vaccination; they would meet the same standard as employees within this business.
- If they entered to sit for a meal or otherwise [engage in the services provided](#), they would meet the criteria of a customer and the measures would take effect. Proof of vaccination would be required.

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#### 9. If I have ensured proof of vaccination, do I still need to require my patrons to wear masks?

Yes, the new mask measure is in addition to the requirement for proof of vaccination. Visit the [GNB news release](#) for more information.

#### 10. Who can I reach out to if I have other questions?

- Businesses and organizations can contact [ONB Business Navigators](#) at [nav@navnb.ca](mailto:nav@navnb.ca) or by phone at 1 (833) 799-7966 for additional questions about verifying proof of vaccination.
- More general information, including standard signage and other tools to communicate the program with guests entering businesses, is available at: [www.gnb.ca/coronavirus](http://www.gnb.ca/coronavirus)