

## Memorandum

To: Personal Service Settings Owners/Operators  
From: CK Public Health  
Date: October 28, 2021  
Re: Amended Rules for Areas in Step 3

Dear Personal Service Setting Owner/Operator:

The Province of Ontario has amended Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for Areas in Step 3 and at the Road Map Exit Step under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*. The amendments provide the option for personal service settings to increase their capacity if proof of COVID-19 vaccination of patrons is required to enter the premises.

Beginning Monday October 25, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., a personal service setting may opt to require patrons to provide proof of identification and proof of vaccination against COVID-19.

- This decision may be made each day the personal service setting is open to the public and is in effect for the duration of the day on which it is made.
- If the personal service setting opts to require proof of vaccination, the premises is not required to limit the number of patrons in the business, meaning physical distancing and the associated capacity limit are not required.
- The personal service setting must post signs at all entrances to the premises informing patrons of the requirement to show identification and proof of vaccination. The signs must be visible to the public and posted in a conspicuous location.
- Proof of vaccination and identification must be checked every time a patron enters the premises and vaccination records cannot be kept by the premises.
- Note that proof of vaccination is not required for patrons:
  - who are under 12 years of age or
  - who provide documentation that confirms that the patron has a medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and specifies the effective time-period for the medical reason.

Please see attached guidance document that provides further operational information about proof of vaccination requirements.

If the personal service setting is **not** electing to require proof of vaccination for patrons to enter the premises on any given day, the capacity continues to be limited to the number of members of the public that are able to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person in the personal service setting.

Masking is still required for both employees and patrons regardless of vaccination status. Patrons can remove their mask only when they receive a service to the area covered by their mask. Employees are reminded to wear face protection including a mask, safety goggles/glasses or a face shield when providing a service to anyone not wearing a mask.

If you have any further questions, please contact CK Public Health's COVID-19 intake line at 519.355.1071 ext. 1900.