

October 26, 2021

Proof of vaccination requirements for persons entering facilities used for sport and recreational fitness activities.

CK Public Health is introducing additional proof of vaccination requirements for all facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities in Chatham-Kent. Proof of vaccination will be required for anyone over the age of 12 who enters an indoor area of this type of facility to participate in, coach, officiate or watch an organized sporting event.

The new mandate officially comes into effect at 12:01 a.m. on October 31, when individuals 12 years of age and older must show identification and proof of vaccination for a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By November 30, all individuals aged 12+ must show identification and proof of full vaccination (two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine plus 14 days following the second dose).

Activities related to organized sports, particularly contact sports and high intensity fitness and recreation, put participants at greater risk for COVID-19 transmission due to heavy breathing, close contact, length of contact and lack of personal protective equipment (face covering/mask). That risk increases significantly when activities take place indoors.

CK Public Health has issued a Letter of Instruction to the owners/operators of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities in Chatham-Kent today. The letter was developed by the health unit under the authority outlined in the [Reopening Ontario Act](#) which requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination and identification for all those 18 years of age and older who actively participate in organized sports or recreational fitness programs. In addition to players, the Letter of Instruction applies to coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators aged 12+.

Visit www.GetYourShotCK.ca to book your COVID-19 vaccine today!

Anyone looking to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination for themselves or their child (born in 2009 or after) can do so at www.GetYourShotCK.ca or by calling 519-351-1010. For a full list of vaccination options including pop-up clinics, mobile outreach clinics and administering pharmacy locations, please visit www.CKPublicHealth.com/Clinics.