

Dear Friends,

Yesterday Premier John Horgan joined Dr. Bonnie Henry and Health Minister Adrian Dix to provide greater detail on how BC's Vaccine Card will be implemented.

Effective September 13, people aged 12 and over will be required to show proof of vaccination to get into [certain events, services, and businesses in BC](#). If you're 18 or older you'll also need to show valid government photo ID.

The three accepted forms of proof of vaccination will be:

- ✓ An official BC immunization record – accepted until Sept 26
- ✓ The BC Vaccine Card – save it to your phone, print it, or call 1-833-838-2323 to get one by mail. Translators are available. Individuals can also go to one of the 65 in-person [Service BC Offices](#)
- ✓ An official immunization record from outside-of-BC – accepted if you're a visitor to BC

To obtain your BC Vaccine Card go to: <https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard> You will need to provide date of birth, personal health number (PHN), and date you received dose 1 or dose 2.

To learn more about the rollout of BC's Vaccine Card go to <https://www.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard>

We encourage you to share this with your networks and have included English and multi-lingual information in the links below:

- <https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/videos/577814003570031/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/p/CTib0Ecp9Fj/>
- <https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1435378018902552577>

Lastly, a number of faith-based organizations have requested clarification on the proof of vaccination requirement and mask mandate. All worship services (and receptions following services) are exempt from the mask mandate and the requirement for proof of vaccination. In addition, any public meetings held in faith-based settings that have a worship component such as youth groups and pastor meetings or essential services like NA/AA group meetings, warming and cooling centres, or providing food to people in need, are also exempt from the mask mandate and proof of vaccination requirement.

However, an organized event such as a reception, celebration of life reception, or other event that does not have a worship component, does require attendees to provide proof of vaccination and wear masks. For information on how your organization can [verify proof of vaccination click here](#).

In all of the instances above we continue to recommend that you follow the [guidelines for faith based organizations](#) to keep your congregants safe, including: encouraging your community members to get vaccinated, wearing masks in all settings unless eating/drinking, making sure people who are ill do not attend worship services, and supporting those who are not yet vaccinated to participate remotely.

Thank you for doing your part to ensure all British Columbians stay safe. Your support and leadership in communities across the province is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to email us at VCO.Stakeholders@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

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