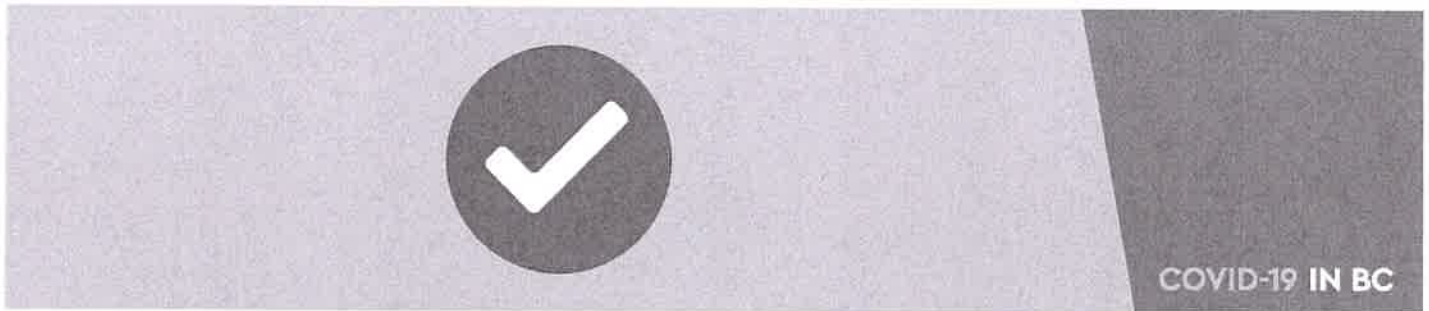




Proof of vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card

⚠ Be patient, Health Gateway is experiencing high traffic. From September 13 to 26, you can use a paper copy of your immunization record. You have until September 27 to get your BC Vaccine Card.



Starting September 13, you need proof of vaccination to access some events, services and businesses. The easiest way to show proof is using the BC Vaccine Card. Get your card today.

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Get the BC Vaccine Card

You can save the digital version to your phone or tablet or print a paper copy to carry in your wallet. Both options are accepted everywhere.

Step 1: Log-in securely

Step 2: Save or print

Step 3: Show your card

To log-in securely, you need to provide your:

- Date of birth
- Personal Health Number (PHN)
- Date you got dose 1 or dose 2

If you already have a Health Gateway account, log-in with your BC Services Card App.

[Get my BC Vaccine Card](#)

After you've securely logged in, you have 2 options:

- Save a digital copy of your card to your phone or tablet. We recommend saving to your photo album or downloads folder
- Print a paper copy and keep it with you

You can save or print a card for yourself or someone else, like a youth or parent.

Have your card ready when entering a business.

They'll look at your vaccine card and also check your government ID.

Enjoy events, businesses and services in B.C.


Feel safe knowing that everyone around you is vaccinated.

I don't have access to a smartphone, computer and printer

Places your vaccine card is required for entry

By order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), proof of vaccination is required to access some events, services and businesses. Starting September 13, you must have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated. The requirement is in place until January 31, 2022 and could be extended.

The requirement applies to all people born in 2009 or earlier (12+) and covers:

- Indoor ticketed sporting events
- Indoor concerts, theatre, dance and symphony events
- Licensed restaurants and restaurants that offer table service (indoor and patio dining)
- Pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and patio dining)
- Nightclubs, casinos and movie theatres
- Gyms, exercise facilities/studios, pools and recreation facilities
- Businesses offering indoor group exercise
- Indoor adult group and team sports for people 22 years old or older
-  • Indoor organized events with 50 or more people. For example: Wedding receptions, organized parties, conferences and workshops
- Indoor organized group recreational classes and activities like pottery, art and choir
- Post-secondary on-campus student housing

Note: Proof of vaccination is **not** required to vote in-person in the September 20 federal election or at advance polling places.

Examples of places that don't require proof of vaccination

You don't have to show proof of vaccination at places like:

- Grocery stores, liquor stores and pharmacies
- Unlicensed restaurants that don't offer table service, like fast food, coffee shops and takeout
- Salons, hairdressers, barbers
- Hotels, resorts, cabins and campsites
 - Does not apply to licensed restaurants or settings and events hosted at the accommodation
- Banks and credit unions
- Retail and clothing stores
- Food banks and shelters
- Escape rooms, laser tag, indoor paint ball, arcades and bowling alleys (if they are unlicensed or don't offer table service)
- Post-secondary on-campus cafeterias

You don't have to show proof of vaccination at events like:

- ★ Worship services
- Indoor youth recreational sport for people 19 years old or younger
- Before and after school programs for K to 12 students
- Student events and activities in K to 12 public and independent schools
- ★ Indoor organized events with less than 50 people, except adult sports

Vaccination key dates

September 13: Partially vaccinated

By September 13, you must be partially vaccinated to access some events, services and businesses.

You're partially vaccinated with 1 dose.

October 24: Fully vaccinated I'm not vaccinated yet

By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated to access some events, services and businesses.

You're fully vaccinated with 2 doses.

You won't be able to access some events, services and businesses.

- I need to get vaccinated

Privacy and your vaccine card

Every BC Vaccine Card has a unique QR code

Every BC Vaccine Card comes with a unique QR code. B.C. is using the SMART Health Card QR code for requirement of the federal government. This means the QR code only stores the absolute minimum level information and is not connected to other health records.

Don't share your QR code on social media. This is a personal document.

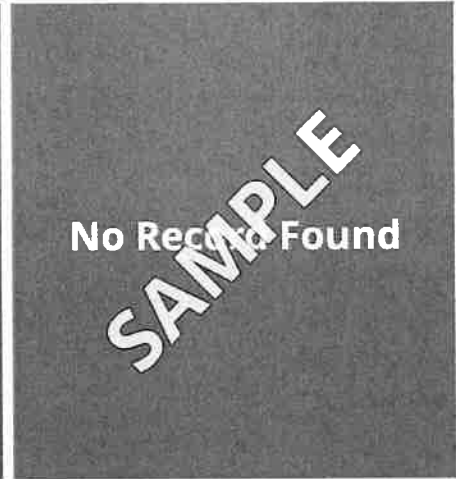
Partially vaccinated



Fully vaccinated



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Checking ID

Events, businesses and services will ask to see your BC Vaccine Card **and** a piece of valid government photo ID, for example:

- B.C. driver's licence or BC Services Card
- Passport
- Photo ID issued by another province or territory

Vaccine card transition period to September 26

To give everyone time to get their BC Vaccine Card, up to and including September 26, you can show other forms of proof of vaccination:

- [Wallet-sized immunization record card](#) (given out at vaccine clinics)
- Printed immunization record from Health Gateway
- Immunization record from your pharmacy (AstraZeneca/SII COVISHIELD)
- [National Defence Canada COVID-19 vaccine record or card](#)
- [Provincial Immunization Registry record](#) (used by Interior Health and others)
- [ImmunizeBC record](#) (used by First Nations Health Authority and others)
- Health authority immunization records:
 - [Fraser Health](#)
 - [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
 - [Northern Health](#)

Families and caregivers

You can share copies of your vaccine card with your family and loved ones. We recommend emailing copies to family members or printing multiple copies.

Parents should carry a copy of their child's vaccine card with them. You are allowed to have multiple copies.

Students and youth

Post-secondary students

Proof of vaccination is also [required for some on-campus housing](#).

Out-of-province students

You can use your [provincial/territorial](#) or [international](#) proof of vaccination.

We recommend you get a BC Vaccine Card. To get a card, you have to [get your immunization record added to the provincial system](#). Submit your information as soon as you arrive in B.C.

Youth aged 12 to 18

Youth aged 12 to 18 can carry their own BC Vaccine Card, or have a trusted adult carry it for them.

Youth are not required to show valid government photo ID.

Canadian Armed Forces

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces don't need to get a BC Vaccine Card.

You can use your [National Defence Canada COVID-19 vaccine record or card](#) and your [National Defence ID card](#).

People who don't have B.C. ID

People who don't have a B.C. ID are also required to show proof of vaccination. You might not have B.C. identification if:


- You're visiting from another place
- You just moved here

People from other provinces or territories

People from other Canadian provinces or territories must show:

International visitors

International visitors must show:

- Proof of vaccination they used to enter Canada (like ArriveCAN)
 - Passport
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- Provincially/territorially officially recognized vaccine record
- Valid government photo ID

I need help

Expand All | Collapse All

My immunization record is wrong

I got dose one or two in another province or country

I've lost or forgotten my PHN

I haven't been vaccinated yet
