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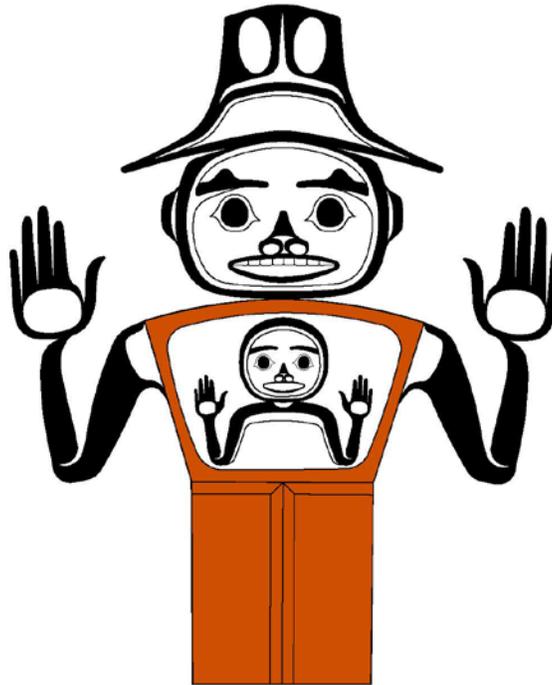
## COVID – 19 UPDATE 39

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Due to the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on workers, program support criteria are subject to change. Be sure to visit [www.unifor.org/covid19](http://www.unifor.org/covid19) to download updated versions of the fact sheets available to our members and their families.

<https://www.unifor.org/campaigns/all-campaigns/covid-19-information-resources>

<https://www.unifor.org/september30>



## EVERY CHILD MATTERS

### *NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION*

September 30 has been known as Orange Shirt Day since 2013. It is named after the clothing taken from Phyllis (Jack) Webstad when she was six years old on her first day at residential school.

This design represents the past, present and future. The main figure is an Elder who has the teachings and knowledge of the ancestors. A child within the Copper Shield is holding their hands in the same position as the Elder

to represent the importance of teaching and intergenerational knowledge. The x<sup>o</sup>isidun (copper shield) is not only a symbol of wealth but a symbol of ancestors that took the shape of their bodies.

You can show your support for survivors and their families by wearing orange on September 30 and participating in events in your area. Visit [unifor.org/sept30](http://unifor.org/sept30) to learn more.



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<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/proof-of-vaccination>

# Proof of Vaccination

Your BC Vaccine Card is needed to access non-essential services.

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## Proof of vaccination required for non-essential activities

Article I. You will be required to show your BC Vaccine Card for some social and recreational events, services and businesses to help protect other people from COVID-19. This applies to individuals aged 12 years and older (born 2009 or earlier).

### Activities requiring proof of vaccination

- Indoor ticketed concerts, theatre, dance, symphony and sporting events with more than 50 people
- Indoor and patio dining at licensed restaurants and cafes that offer table service including liquor tasting rooms in wineries, breweries or distilleries
- Pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and patio dining)
- Nightclubs and casinos
- Movie theatres
- Gyms, exercise and dance facilities/studios, and recreation facilities
- Businesses offering indoor exercise/fitness
- Indoor adult group and team sports for people 22 years and older
- Indoor organized events with 50 people or more. For example wedding and funeral receptions (outside of a funeral home), organized parties, conferences, trade fairs and workshops
- Indoor organized group recreational classes and activities with more than 50 people like pottery, art and choir
- Post-secondary on-campus student housing
- Spectators at indoor youth sporting events with more than 50 people.

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

### BC Vaccine Card to show proof of vaccination

Show your proof of vaccination with the **BC Vaccine Card** and a piece of identification. You can use either a digital or printed copy of your BC Vaccine card.

### **Get your BC Vaccine Card online**

- Go online to [gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard](http://gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard)
- Enter your date-of-birth, Personal Health Number (PHN), and date of your first or second dose
- View, save a copy to your phone, or print your vaccine card

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### **Request a printed copy of your BC Vaccine Card**

- Call 1-833-838-2323 to request a mailed copy
- Visit a Service BC office to have one printed
- Print a copy for yourself - ask a trusted friend or visit a library to access a computer and printer

Learn more about getting the [BC Vaccine Card](#).

### **September 13: Proof of dose one**

Beginning September 13, you need to provide proof that you received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

### **October 24: Proof of dose two**

Beginning October 24, you need to provide proof that you received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Correct information on your immunization record**

Check your immunization record before September 13 to make sure the information is correct. If there is an error, use an online form to update your record.

[Update my immunization record](https://www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca/) <https://www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca/>

### **Submit proof of vaccination if you were vaccinated outside of B.C.**

If you received COVID-19 vaccines in another province or country, submit proof of an official immunization record. It will be entered into the Provincial Immunization Registry.

### **Submit immunization record**

If you received one or two doses of COVID-19 vaccine in another country, check to see if you need additional doses in B.C.

### **Vaccine requirements if you were vaccinated outside of Canada.**

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccine-registration-eligibility>

### **Proof of vaccination for visitors**

People visiting from outside of B.C. are also required to show proof of vaccination.

### **Canadian visitors**

People from other Canadian provinces or territories must show:

- Provincially/territorially officially recognized vaccine record
- Valid government ID from the same province or territory

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### International visitors

International visitors must show:

- Proof of vaccination you used to enter Canada
- Passport

### Information for businesses

Starting September 13, some events, services and businesses are required to check a person's proof of vaccination for access to their venue or space.

Find information for businesses on proof of vaccination requirements at [gov.bc.ca/VaccineCard-Businesses](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/VaccineCard-Businesses).

### Mandatory vaccination

Vaccinations are not mandatory in B.C. for the general public.

Vaccination may be mandatory for people who work in some settings. Learn about [vaccination requirements for staff and employers of long-term care, seniors' assisted living, private hospitals, extended care and mental health facilities](#).

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard.html#card>

### Partially vaccinated

### Fully vaccinated



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[Open: How to get a BC Vaccine](#)

# COVID-19 BC Vaccine Card



As of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, you will need to show proof of vaccination at:



Restaurants, pubs, bars, and lounges



Organized indoor events with 50 people or more



Indoor group classes and activities



Indoor concerts, theatre, or dance events



Fitness centres, gyms, and indoor sports



Indoor group exercise activities



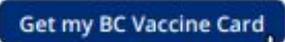
Night clubs, casinos, movie theatres



Indoor ticketed sporting events

## How to get your BC Vaccine Card

### Digital BC Vaccine Card

- 1 Go to [www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard.html](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard.html)
- 2 Click on 
- 3 Enter your:
  - Personal Health Number (PHN)
  - Date of birth
  - Date of vaccination (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dose)
- 4 A QR Code will appear. Click "Save a copy", and follow the steps for your desktop or smartphone to download your vaccine card.



### Printed BC Vaccine Card

- Call **1-833-838-2323** to have your card mailed to you, or
- Visit your nearest BC Service Centre to get your card printed there, or
- Print your vaccine card at home from your digital version

**When you go to a place that needs proof of vaccination**

Be ready to show:

- 1 your digital or printed BC Vaccine Card
- 2 a piece of valid government photo ID

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Youths aged 12 - 18 are not required to show ID.

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# THE COVID-19 BRIEF

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

*Your resource for cutting through fear and misinformation. Check your email for trusted reporting and analysis to help differentiate between fact and fiction.*

Follow [the latest updates](#) and read [full coverage](#)

**The outbreak by the numbers** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept 24, 2021):

- **Canada:** 1,595,772 cases | 44,522 active | 27,594 deceased
- **Globally:** 230,846,434 cases | 4,732,554 deceased

**Vaccine shipment forecasts** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept 24, 2021)

- Total vaccines distributed in Canada: 63,808,906
- No current shipment allocations

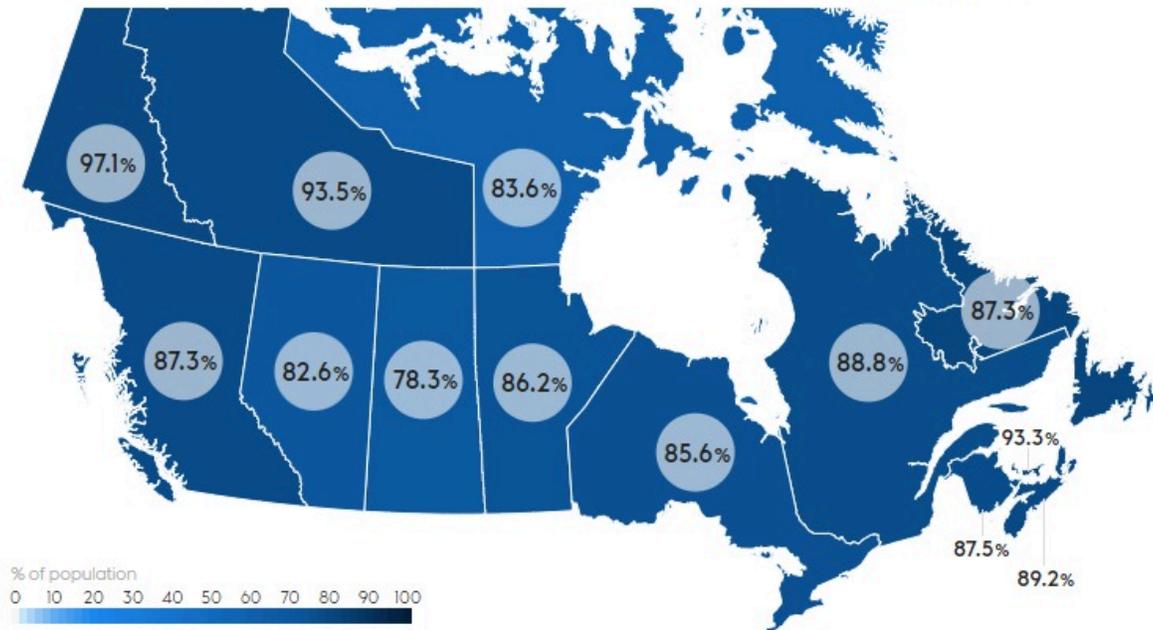
**Vaccinations by the numbers** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept 24, 2021)

Map shows percentage of *eligible* population (12+) vaccinated with at least one dose; percentages table below are for *total* population.

**Eligible population (12+) in Canada: 86.22% first dose | 79.59% fully vaccinated**

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Percentage of eligible population (12+) vaccinated with at least one dose



- **World:** 6,068,222,885 doses given | 44.2% first dose | 32.4% fully vaccinated
- **Canada:** 75.8% have received at least one dose | 70% fully vaccinated
- **British Columbia:** 78.3% at least one dose | 71.6% fully vaccinated
- **Alberta:** 70.3% at least one dose | 61.6% fully vaccinated
- **Saskatchewan:** 68.6% at least one dose | 61.3% fully vaccinated
- **Manitoba:** 73.5% at least one dose | 69.3% fully vaccinated
- **Ontario:** 75.7% at least one dose | 70.6% fully vaccinated
- **Quebec:** 77.6% at least one dose | 72.7% fully vaccinated
- **New Brunswick:** 77.6% at least one dose | 69.8% fully vaccinated
- **Nova Scotia:** 79.3% at least one dose | 73.5% fully vaccinated
- **Prince Edward Island:** 82.2% at least one dose | 75.5% fully vaccinated
- **Newfoundland and Labrador:** 80.8% one dose | 73.5% fully vaccinated
- **Yukon:** 79.9% at least one dose | 77% fully vaccinated
- **Northwest Territories:** 78.5% at least one dose | 73.7% fully vaccinated
- **Nunavut:** 62% at least one dose | 54.4% fully vaccinated



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## Here's what's been happening in Canada

**Armed Forces deployed.** The Canadian Armed Forces will be sending resources to help with **Alberta's** overwhelmed intensive care units, which stand at near-record highs. Aircraft and crews are being assembled to [transfer ICU patients](#) to hospitals in other parts of the country along with [a team of ICU nurses](#). Some [triaging has already begun](#) in the province as doctors describe "[unprecedented patient demand](#)". There is "[no margin for error](#)" they say, as new provincial measures come into force in an effort to quickly bring case numbers down.

Alberta has been getting much of the attention, but **Saskatchewan** is not doing much better. The province is reporting the [highest new daily hospitalization rate](#) in Canada, ahead of Alberta, while death rates are the [second-highest](#) in the country. Meanwhile, the province's children's hospital ICU is now [taking in adult patients](#) due to the surge in COVID-19 cases. At the same time, the province is also reporting that a quarter of the new cases are [among children under 12](#), and nearly 40% are people under the age of 19. All of this is pushing health-care workers in the province to the brink, as **CTV National News' Avis Favaro** and colleagues [report](#).

- [B.C. pleads with pregnant women to get vaccinated](#)
- [B.C. hospitalizations still surging as hundreds of surgeries delayed](#)
- ['We've had patients die waiting for a bed': doctors frustrated with unvaccinated](#)
- [Community spread identified in N.L. as 23 new cases reported](#)
- [First Nation residents given expired Pfizer vaccine for nearly a month](#)

**Unvaccinated health care workers suspended.** Health care workers who refuse to vaccinate are facing the consequences as deadlines loom to get the shot. Kingston, Ont.'s research and teaching hospital has placed 136 employees on two-week, [unpaid leave](#) for failing to comply with the hospital's new COVID-19 vaccination policy. In Windsor, Ont., [140 more were also suspended](#) due to vaccine mandates by the hospitals. In B.C., the deadline to get vaccinated is next month, but more than [100 unvaccinated health care staff](#) had to stay home last week due to exposure to the virus, offering context into how an already strained health-care system can be put under further pressure.

- [Long-term care outbreaks rise as provincial plans for unvaccinated workers differ](#)
- [Half of Canadians support employers mandating booster shots: poll](#)
- [N.B. requires students be vaccinated for intramurals, extracurriculars](#)

**Quebec's new law on anti-vaccine protests.** Quebec's National Assembly voted unanimously to pass a new bill that would [prohibit anti-vaccine protesters](#) from demonstrating near schools, daycares, hospitals, as well as COVID-19 testing and vaccine sites -- an offence punishable by a fine of up to \$12,000.

- [Saskatoon judge rules child can receive vaccine in battle between parents](#)
- [Quebec police search for man who allegedly punched nurse for vaccinating wife](#)

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## The latest headlines...

**In vaccines.** There are some novel research projects being conducted: Scientists at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) are currently studying whether they can turn edible plants, such as lettuce and spinach, into mRNA vaccines people can grow themselves. And they are not the only ones looking at [edible vaccines](#). A team out of the University of Ottawa's Department of Biology has also been working on an immunization alternative using vegetables and testing has already begun at the Ottawa Hospital.

- [Canada needs to share more vaccine surpluses with world: UN envoy Bob Rae](#)
- [CDC diverges from recommendation, endorses booster for older Americans](#)
- [Novavax applies to WHO for emergency listing of COVID-19 vaccine](#)

**In research and data.** Llamas aren't just for fun internet videos and memes as it turns out. Thanks to tiny antibodies produced by [a llama named Fifi](#), scientists in the U.K. are developing a "potentially significant" treatment for COVID-19 that could be administered in the form of a nasal spray. Due to their small size, these nanobodies are able to bind more tightly to the SARS-CoV-2 virus than larger antibodies produced by humans. My colleague Jackie Dunham has [the story](#).

- [Is the Delta variant of the coronavirus worse for kids?](#)
- [Watch: 4D scan gives a new look at long-term impact of COVID-19](#)
- [Variants 'better at travelling through the air,' raising transmission risk: study](#)
- [Only third of teens met physical activity requirements in second wave: StatCan](#)

## How it affects you

**Passport season.** Ontario became the latest province to begin enforcing a vaccine passport for non-essential businesses this week in an effort to keep cases in check and [avoid another lockdown](#). We have [answers to your questions](#) this week on how it works and where you need to show it.

- [Dining out, salons, gyms and more: restrictions by province and territory](#)
- [Texas couple asked to leave restaurant for wearing face masks](#)

## **One last thing...**

Often, when numbers become too big to grasp -- like those for COVID-19 infections and deaths -- it

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can desensitize us to the magnitude of the losses. In Washington D.C., more than [675,000 white flags](#) have been temporarily planted beneath the Washington Monument as a memorial to all those who have lost their lives to the virus. With some 2,000 new deaths a day in the United States, however, the flag-planting never ends. For me, two pieces in particular -- a [photo essay published in The Atlantic](#) and [one by The Toronto Star](#) -- capture the scale and enormity of the losses, but also the deep sorrow and grief each death represents.

Thank you for reading,  
*Solarina Ho, CTVNews.ca writer*

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For more news on the coronavirus in Canada:

- [Vaccine tracker: How many people have received shots?](#)
- [Variant tracker: What are the strains and where are they?](#)
- [LIVE UPDATES: What's the latest in Canada and around the world today](#)

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**Unifor's website is constantly being updated as new information is provided. Unifor has many websites to direct you to for assistance.**

**Resources:**

Unifor COVID-19 Information and Resources: <https://www.unifor.org/covid19>  
<https://www.unifor.org/campaigns/all-campaigns/covid-19-information-resources>

Government of Canada Outbreak Update: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Government of Canada Income Supports for Workers/Individuals:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

**Please also check the websites of your respective provinces for any additional provincial supports or resources that may be available to you.**

BCCDC website for Health info about COVID-19: [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

**Health Issues: Dial 811 and follow your Provincial Protocols**

**Mental Health Issues: Dial 211 or access your EAP benefits:**

**Other useful websites with information**

**Federal Government Financial Support Resources:**

Government of Canada COVID-19 Financial Assistance for Canadians Outside of Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/assistance/emergency-info/financial-assistance/covid-19-financial-help>

Government of Canada Economic Plan & How to Apply for Support: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

COVID - 19 Employment and Social Development Canada Information Guide: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

Canada Revenue Agency COVID-19: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/covid-19-employee-info.html>

**Provincial Government Financial Support Resources:**

BC Preparedness Response: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

Income Assistance: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance>

Income Assistance Offices in the Lower Mainland: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/access-services#lowermainland>

**Health & Preparation Resources:**

COVID-19: Being prepared: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html>

Government of Canada Symptoms & Treatments: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html>

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BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment

Tool: <https://covid19.thrive.health/?fbclid=IwAR1NzQXV3eUgFa5bSimQ2wiRpXVVMZc1LPbpg5fUNIDFIK1Sc7yjhcc4aB>

Health Link BC & 811: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/services-and-resources/about-8-1-1>

**Other Useful Links:**

World Health Organization Myth Busters: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

World Health Organization Public Advice: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>  
Government of Canada, Community-based Measures: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html>

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