

Town of Antigonish Proof of Vaccination (POV) – Recreational Facilities

Purpose

To comply with the Province of Nova Scotia's Proof of Vaccine Policy, the Town of Antigonish requires that all **Affected Persons** be fully vaccinated. As a facility owner, the Town will require proof of full vaccination from members of the public, 12 years of age and older, who wish to enter a Town of Antigonish recreation facility, as outlined in this document.

PLEASE NOTE: We encourage all facility users to thoroughly review the province's policy directive to ensure they understand the expectations and requirements of proof of vaccination regulations applied to Town facilities.

Definitions

- **Affected Persons** includes coaches, players, officials, and spectators who are 12 year of age or older and entering a designated Field of Play for a sporting event or organized activity.
- **Field of Play** is defined as the area found within a clearly defined, enclosed space. For example, when attending a sporting event at the Central Turf Field, in order to access the area inside the fence, an individual must provide POV.
- **POV** is an abbreviation for "Proof of Vaccination."
- **Recreation Facility** is defined as a park or outdoor recreational space managed and maintained by the Town of Antigonish. Facilities that fall under this policy include Central Turf, Sandlot baseball Field, Softball Field, Bergengren Field, Beach Volleyball Courts, Columbus Field (inclusive of the playground and water park), Racquet Courts, Skate Park, and the Dog Park.

Proof of Vaccination – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Why is proof of vaccination (POV) required?

The Town of Antigonish is following the Province's *Proof of Vaccination Policy* when setting rules regulating the use of its facilities. More information on this policy can be found at:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/#proof-of-vaccination>

Any policies, rules, and regulations set in place by the Town are to be consistent with this directive. To reiterate, we encourage all facility users to thoroughly review the province's policy directive to ensure they understand the expectations and requirements of proof of vaccination regulations.

2. Who is required to show POV?

POV requirements, including information covering what qualifies as a medical exemption, are outlined in the Provincial policy directive, which can be accessed at:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/proof-of-full-vaccination-policy/#medical-exceptions>

3. How will the Town address children who turn 12 during this period? Will they be able to participate, or will they have to stop participating until they are fully vaccinated?

Children who turn 12 between January 1 and October 4, 2021 have until December 31 2021 to attend events and activities while they get vaccinated. Children who turn 12 after October 4, 2021 have 3 months from their birthday to get vaccinated. If they choose not to get vaccinated, they will no longer be able to participate in the events and activities once the grace period is up.

4. Which facilities will require POV?

The Town will require POV from people who are attending or participating in sport and recreational activity. This includes games, practices, programs, tournaments, and competitions. POV will apply when organized sport or activities are taking place in an area with a clearly delineated Field of Play and one specific point of entry (Central Turf Field, The Sandlot (D1), Softball Field (D2), Bergengren Field (D3)). However, POV may reasonably be expected at any of the Town's Recreational Facilities when organized sport or activities are occurring (Columbus Field, Columbus Field Racquet Courts).

If you are booking our facilities for sporting events or other organized activities, POV requirements will be a requirement upon booking, unless the Town makes a determination that it is not required based on the directive provided from the Province of Nova Scotia.

5. What are the vaccination criteria for facilities that require proof?

In Nova Scotia, you're considered fully vaccinated 14 days after you have any two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or two doses of a combination of COVID-19 vaccines accepted by the Government of Canada. Please refer to the following link to determine approved vaccines:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/#approved-vaccines>

Anyone who received a dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Nova Scotia can access their proof of vaccination online at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/#proof-of-vaccination> or by calling 1-833-797-7772.

6. How do I provide proof that I am fully vaccinated?

The Town will request your official proof of vaccination issued by the Province of Nova Scotia. To check this documentation, the Town will establish contact points - when and where required - where individuals will be asked to display their proof of vaccination prior to entering a designated Field of Play. Again, POV is required if the individual is participating in games, practices, programs, tournaments, or competitions at a designated Field of Play.

7. Are masks and physical distancing still required at Town facilities requiring POV?

All other public health measures (e.g., masking and physical distancing) continue to apply to Town facilities during sporting events or organized activities.

8. What if I don't want to disclose my vaccination status?

It is the discretion of the individual to determine whether they would like to disclose their vaccination status. Should they make the decision not to divulge this information, they will not be permitted to access settings that require proof of vaccination.

9. Can my child enter the facility themselves if I am unable to enter?

If a child under the age of 12 is accompanied by an adult onto the designated Field of Play, the adult must provide the POV. An exception to this would be in the event of a medical emergency.

More information

For more information regarding POV requirements at Town of Antigonish Recreational Facilities, please contact Tricia Cameron, Manager of Parks and Recreation:
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For further information about the Province of Nova Scotia's Proof of Vaccination Policy and all its requirements, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/#proof-of-vaccination>.