



Information Bulletin

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To	Full Members, Associate Members and affiliated clubs
CC	Board of Directors, Staff
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Subject	Further clarification regarding Proof of Vaccination Requirement

BC Soccer understands the challenges and shares the frustration regarding the BC Provincial Government and its Health Officer's recent amendment to the Order that drastically impact our members and the soccer community. Again, we clarify and confirm, the below proof of vaccination requirement are **not** directives of BC Soccer, nor its directors, officers, or staff. This is an Order from the BC Government PHO to all persons including the soccer community.

We have received numerous questions and below we provide the collective responses. This reflects what we know now and stress that things could change as more is learned from ViaSport and the PHO. This information complements [Information Bulletin-16](#) released on October 27, 2021.

1. When is the mandate in effect?

The Provincial Health Officer issued the Order on October 25, 2021. The Order is in effective immediately and is posted [here](#).

2. Why were organizations not provided with any notice?

BC Soccer was informed in writing of the new mandate by ViaSport on October 27, 2021 and acted immediately to provide the information to all Members and affiliated clubs on the same day. All the information received by BC Soccer is included in the communication provided to date.

3. Is BC Soccer centralizing the collecting of proof of vaccination from all individual across the Province?

No, the Provincial Order requires the **organizers** of the event to verify proof of vaccination from individuals as per chart on Question 9. The Order specifically requires the organizers to comply with the requirement, BC Soccer can not act on behalf of organizations that hold the permit for the location where the event takes place.

4. How does the organization verify proof of vaccination?

Per the Orders, Organization look at an individual's vaccination card. **IF** the organization chooses to scan, per the Order, they must only utilize the [BC Vaccine Card Verifier App](#).

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5. How are organizations keeping a record of the proof of vaccination?

The organization **must not retain the proof of vaccination or identification** provided by a participant or use it for any purpose other than to confirm that a participant has been vaccinated, as required by the Order.

With written consent of the individual, organizations may keep a record of the fact that the individual has provided proof of being vaccinated in compliance with the Order. The organization can rely upon this record to satisfy the requirement of the Order with respect to future participation by the individual. Organizations must not use this record for any purpose other than to confirm that a participant has been vaccinated.

6. The information provided by my Regional Health Authority is different than what has been shared by BC Soccer and the Provincial Government, what should I do?

Regional Health Authority have the ability to consider different application within their Regions. BC Soccer utilizes the information provided by ViaSport for application across the Province. Organizations should follow directives from their Regional Health Authorities if different.

7. How can an individual obtain an exception and not provide proof of vaccination?

Any person seeking exception must contact their Regional Public Health Authority for details on how an exception can be provided. A list of Regional Health Authorities can be found here: [Regional health authorities - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://www.gov.bc.ca/health/ra)

8. What is the responsibility for an organization hosting a coach or referee educational event?

- For outdoor activities: Participants are **not** required to provide proof of vaccination.
- For indoor activities (classroom): Participants over the age of 22 are **required** to provide proof of vaccination.
- Learning facilitators/instructors leading, supervising, or assisting with activities for participants under the age of 22 are **required** to provide proof of vaccination.

9. Who needs to provide proof of vaccination?

The chart below summarizes the requirement for proof of vaccination:

<i>Role</i>	<i>Outdoor</i>	<i>Indoor</i>
Players (21 years and younger)	Not required	Not required
Players (22 years and older)	Not required	Required
Spectator (19 years and older)	Not required	Required
Referee (19 years and older)	Required ONLY IF participating in activities for participants under the age of 22	Required
Team Official (19 years and older)	Required ONLY IF leading or assisting activities for participants under the age of 22	Required
Volunteer (19 years and older)	Required ONLY IF leading or assisting activities for participants under the age of 22	Required
Paid Staff An employee of the organization. Does NOT include contractors	Not Required	

For further questions, please contact [Gabriel Assis, Director of Operations](#)