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New Provincial Health Order increases vaccine checking at recreation facilities

Starting November 1

Summary

The latest Provincial Health Order released on October 25, 2021 requires that increased vaccination checking occurs at City of Nanaimo recreation facilities starting Monday, November 1. Changes will be as follows:

- adults volunteering with children, assisting children or spectating at a child or youth program must show proof of vaccination regardless of the size of the group at all recreation facilities, including pools, arenas and weight rooms
- adults leading, volunteering or assisting children at outdoor events or programs must show proof of vaccination
- for arena programs with mixed ages (for example, Everyone Welcome Skates), all participants and spectators ages 12 and up must show proof of vaccination
- indoor capacity is now increased to 100 percent (same as pre-pandemic)

Parks, Recreation and Culture staff are reminding participants to bring their proof of vaccination as well as government-issued ID (driver's license, passport, BCID) and be prepared to show it for entry into programs and events. This is a change from what was previously required and is in effect on Monday, November 1.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- The latest Provincial Health Order released on October 25 has enhanced proof of vaccination requirements for recreation programs and events.
- Enhanced proof of vaccination requirements begins on Monday, November 1.

Quotes

"City of Nanaimo staff are following the latest Provincial Health Order for mandatory proof of vaccination. These measures are meant to keep participants and all residents safe from the effects of COVID-19."

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