

CEO/Registrar COVID-19 Update

➤ Vaccination policy

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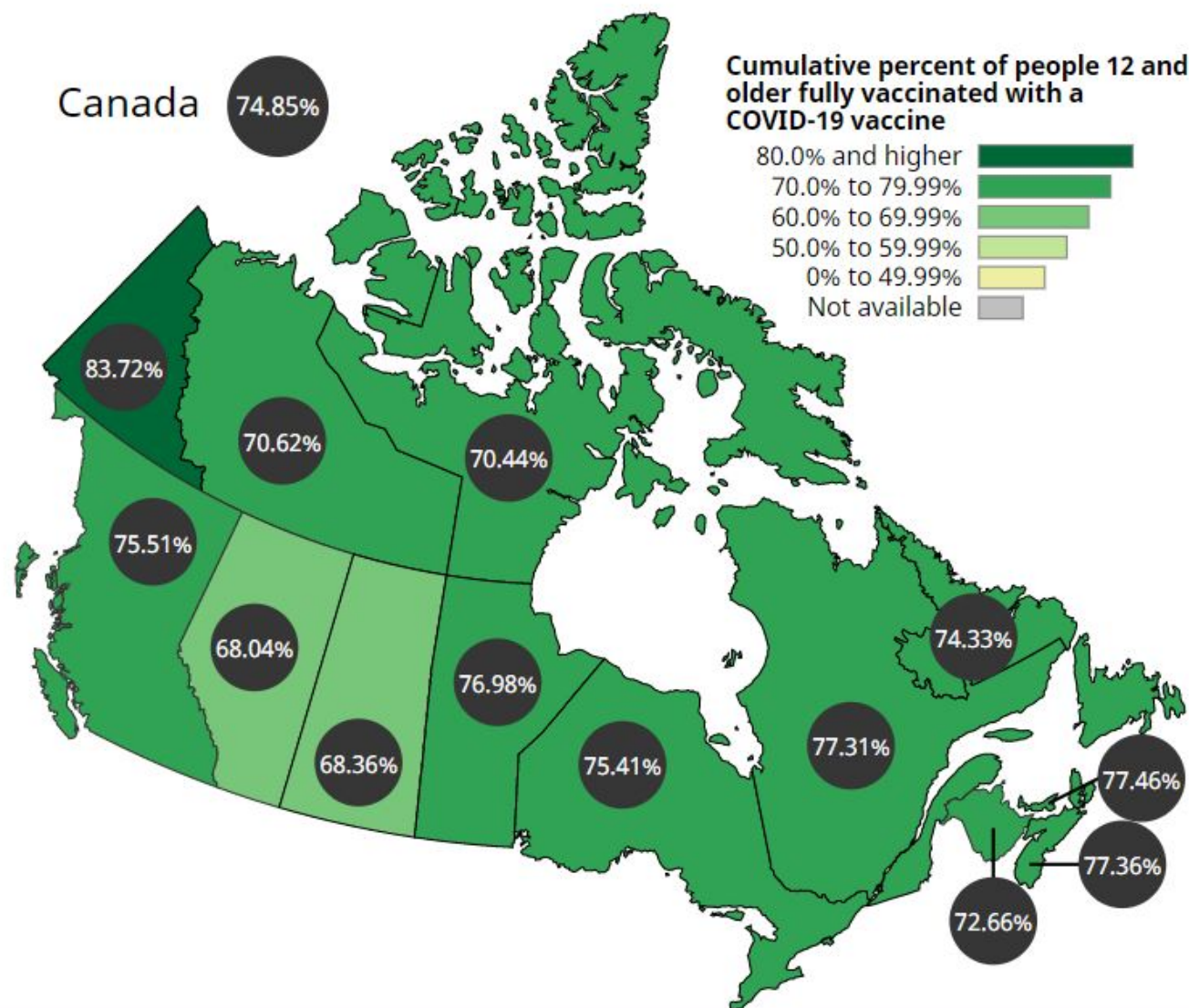
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Canada and Ontario Vaccination rate

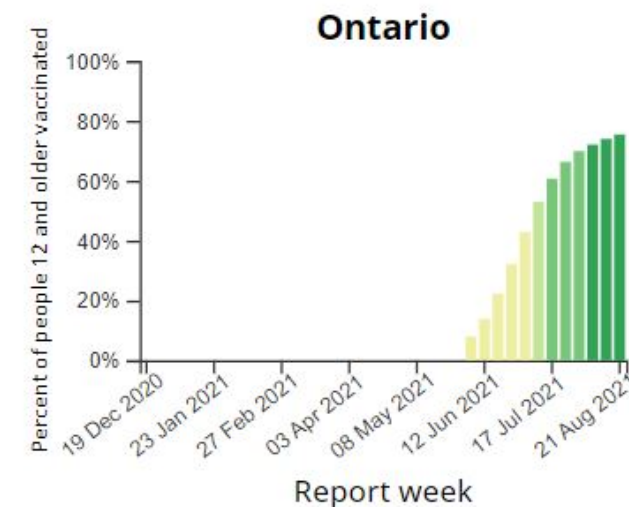
Figure 1. Cumulative percent of people 12 and older fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine in Canada by jurisdiction, August 21, 2021

i Hover over or select a portion of the map to see the cumulative number or percent of people vaccinated in Canada and each jurisdiction over time.



The cumulative percent of people 12 and older **fully vaccinated** with a COVID-19 vaccine in **Ontario** was **75.41%**, as of August 21, 2021.

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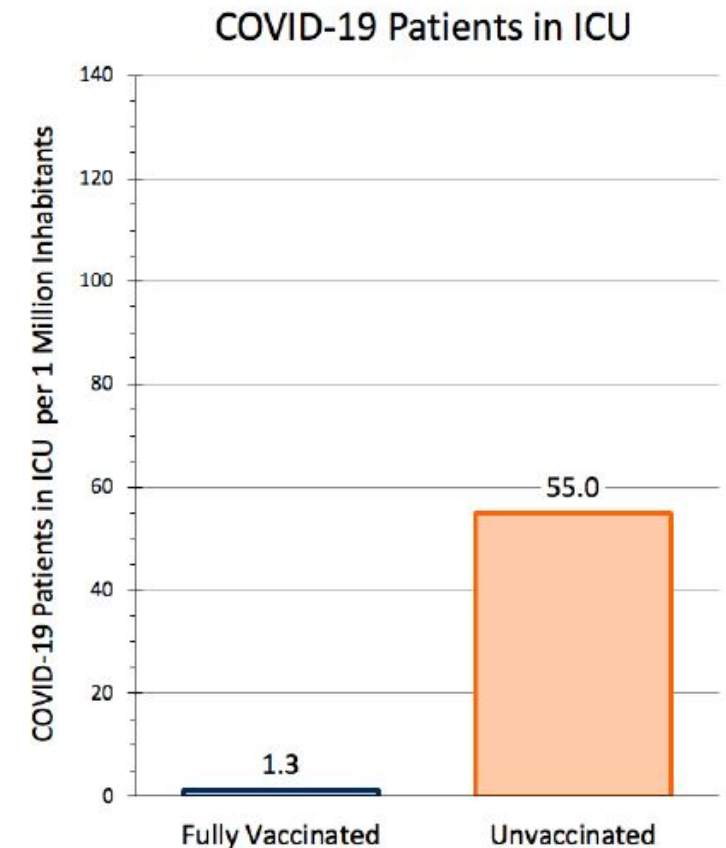
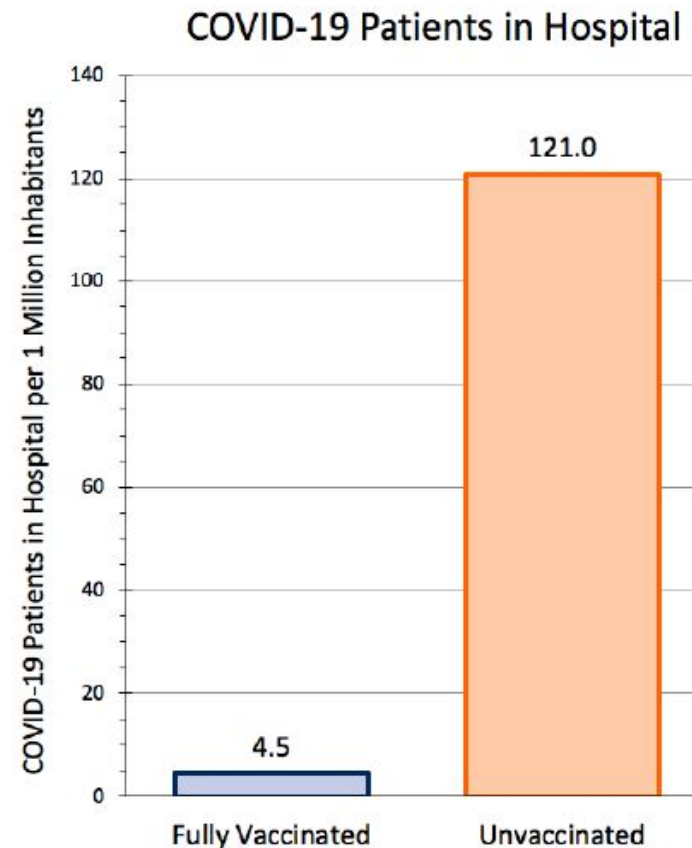
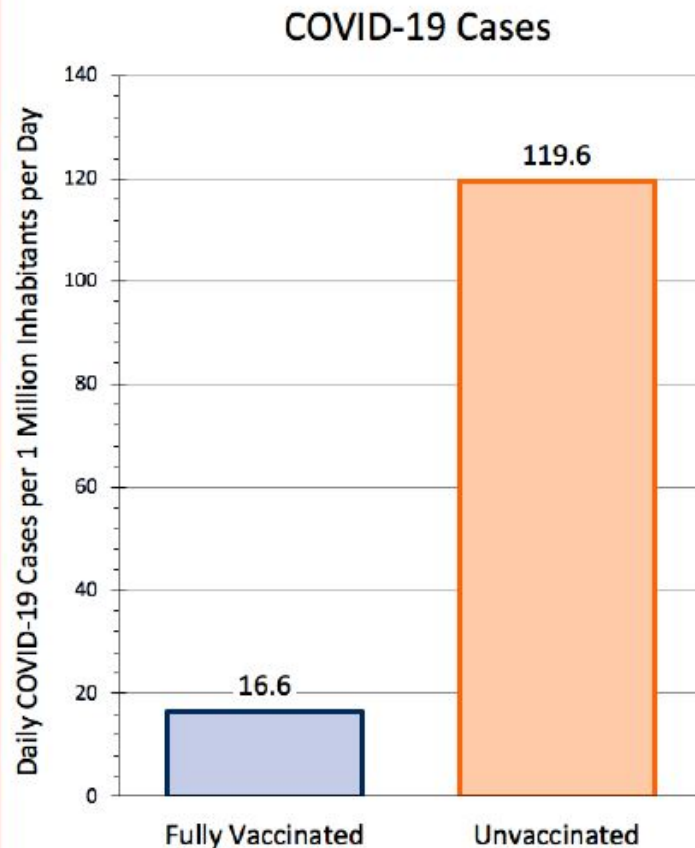


[Access the data](#)

Government of Ontario vaccination information

Vaccines Remain our Best Defense

Unvaccinated people have a 7-fold higher risk of symptomatic COVID-19 disease, a 27-fold higher risk of being in the hospital and 42-fold higher risk of being in the ICU compared to the fully vaccinated



Good vaccination rate...but...

It appears likely that the spread of the virus will remain a major issue into the fall

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PROVINCIAL POLITICS

COVID-19 vaccination level must top 85 per cent to avoid a fall lockdown, says science team advising Premier Doug Ford



By **Rob Ferguson** Queen's Park Bureau
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Ontario needs to boost COVID-19 vaccination levels “substantially above” 85 per cent and reduce person-to-person contacts to avoid a fall lockdown and potential crowding of hospital intensive care units, says the science table advising Premier Doug Ford.

Provincial Vaccination Passport Requirements

- **As of Sept. 22:** Funeral services (including visitations) are part of the Government of Ontario's 'vaccine passport' requirement if held indoors.
 - This includes funeral services at funeral homes, cemeteries and crematoriums – if held indoors.
 - Requirements do not apply to religious facilities such as churches, mosques, synagogues...etc....

- **From Sept. 22 to Oct. 12, 2021,** guests may attend an indoor funeral if they have proof of a negative COVID-19 rapid test taken with 48 hours preceding the funeral.

Provincial Vaccination Passport Requirement

- **After Oct. 12, 2021**, all attendees must show proof of vaccination or **written proof** of a medical exemption from a doctor or nurse.
 - There are **no other exemptions** for people attending funerals — except for those presenting written proof of a medical exemption from a doctor or nurse, and children under the age of 12.
 - There is **NO** provision for a negative rapid test
- These measures do not apply to outdoor funerals.
- Measures from the previous Registrar's Directive remain in place:
[Registrar's Directive: Capacity limits removed; Physical distancing, mask-wearing requirements remain](#)



Government of Ontario vaccination information

User Journey: Visual Receipt Verification

Step 1 – Proof of Immunization Required

- Prior to launch the QR codes and verification app, the vaccine receipts currently provided to Ontarians through the Ontario.ca portal will be verified in conjunction with a government issued piece of ID.

Proof of Immunization Required

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(EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 22)

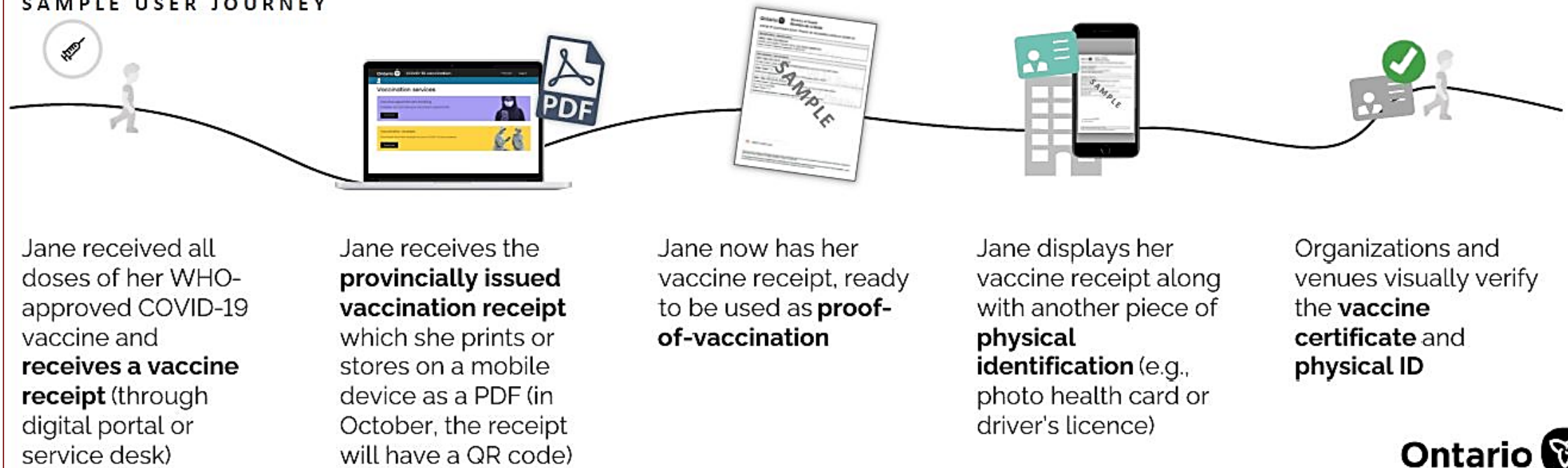
PAPER OR PDF VACCINE RECEIPT

Certificate with QR Code and Verification App

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(EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 22)

SAMPLE USER JOURNEY



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User Journey: Digital Vaccine Certificate

Step 2 – Enhanced Certificate with QR Code and Verification App

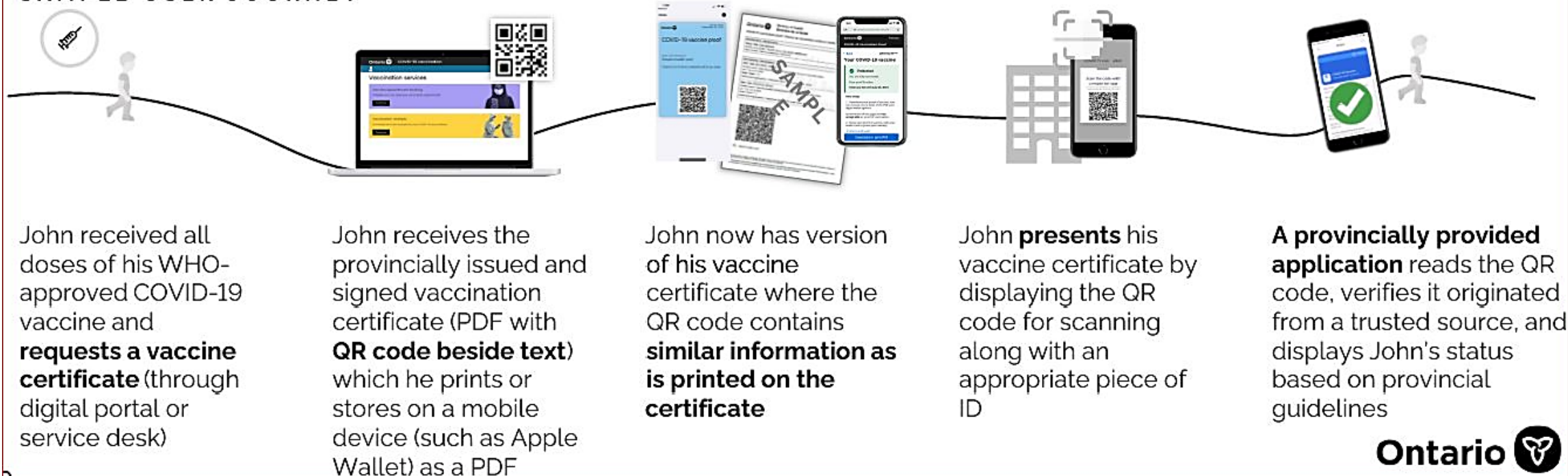
- Once the verification app launches, organizations and venues will scan unique QR codes on vaccine certificates to verify their authenticity and simplify the user experience.

1 Policy Implementation
(EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 22)

2 Certificate with QR Code and Verification App
(OCTOBER 22)

VACCINE CERTIFICATE WITH QR CODE

SAMPLE USER JOURNEY



Registrar's Directive: Vaccination policy required

Effective Sept. 10, 2021 – All funeral establishments and transfer service operators must implement a COVID-19 vaccination policy that requires their employees, staff, contractors*, volunteers, students and interns to provide:

- 1. Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19; or
- 2. Written proof of a medical reason, provided by a physician or registered nurse that sets out:
 - (i) A documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and
 - (ii) The effective time period for the medical reason;



Registrar's Directive: Vaccination policy required

- 3. Proof of completing an educational session about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination prior to declining vaccination for any reason other than a medical reason. The approved session must, at a minimum address:
 - (i) How COVID-19 vaccines work;
 - (ii) Vaccine safety related to the development of the COVID-19 vaccines;
 - (iii) The benefits of vaccination against COVID-19;
 - (iv) Risks of not being vaccinated against COVID-19; and
 - (v) Possible side effects of COVID-19 vaccination.
- 4. An establishment may decide to remove the option set out in paragraph 3 and require all employees, staff, contractors, volunteers and students to either provide the proof required in paragraph 1 or 2.

Registrar's Directive: Vaccination policy required

- 5. Where an establishment decides to remove the option set out in paragraph 3, the educational session referred to shall be made available to all employees, staff, contractors, volunteers, students and interns.
- 6. Every establishment's vaccination policy shall require that where an employee, staff, contractor, volunteer student or intern does not provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in accordance with paragraph 1, but instead relies upon the medical reason described at paragraph 2, or the educational session described at paragraph 3, the employee, staff, contractor, volunteer, student or intern shall:
 1. Submit to regular antigen point of care testing for COVID-19 (rapid test) and demonstrate a negative result, at intervals to be determined by establishment which must be at a minimum of once every seven days.
 2. Provide verification of the negative test result in a manner determined by the establishment that enables the establishment to confirm the result at its discretion.

Quick reminder: ON Reg. 30/11 *FBCSA*

Message from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

➤ In effect since July 1, 2021



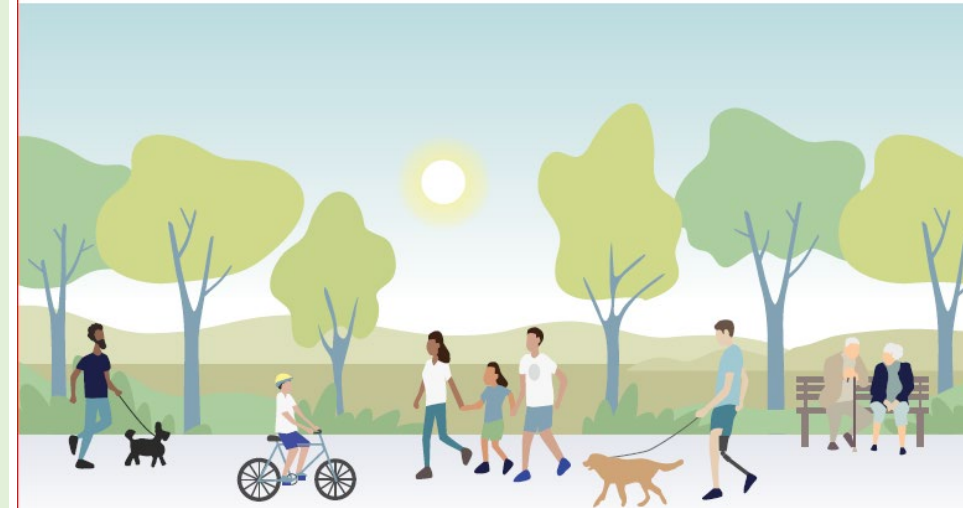
Price list and BAO Consumer Information Guide

The changes, which come into force on July 1, 2021:

- Require that every bereavement service operator who maintains or makes use of a website to promote, or to enter contracts for, the sale or provision of a licensed supply or service to make available in a clearly visible place on that website:
 - A free, printable electronic version of the operator's price list; and
 - A link to the [**Consumer Information Guide**](#) prepared by the Registrar of the BAO.

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**Consumer
Information
Guide**



A Guide to Death Care in Ontario
Everything you need to know.

BAO price list template coming soon

Seeing the price is your right

Our message to families/consumers



- The BAO is making sure sector prices are accessible and transparent to consumers
- Operators must post their price list on their websites (since July 1, 2021)
- This is part of the Auditor General's recommendations
- We will have price list templates ready for you later this month
- Thank you for posting your prices

Vaccination policy Q&A:

Answers to a few questions we've already received

Q1. Can unvaccinated people come in to arrange a service?

A1. Yes. People can come in to arrange a funeral without proof of vaccination. Wear a mask when meeting with people.

Q2. How would you handle a hostile customer?

A2. You need to tell anyone who asks that the 'vaccination passport' regulation is the law and that you could be fined for permitting entry. You can also call your public health unit, document the person's name, and call the police if necessary. (Logging of attendees is still required.)

Vaccination policy Q&A:

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Q3. Where can I find a rapid COVID test?

A3. You will find that rapid tests are often supplied free by local chambers of commerce. If in doubt, ask your local public health unit. The provincial government also has information on this on its website. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-free-rapid-tests>

Q4. Does the 'vaccination passport' apply to these groups of people?

- a) Volunteers who wash and shroud the body
 - **A4a.** Yes, it applies.
- b) Families who attend funeral services and prayers indoors
 - **A4b.** Yes, it applies.
- c) Guests/attendees who attend funeral services and prayers outdoors at the graveside
 - **A4c.** No. It does not apply to outdoor services.

Questions

Thank you

- **Your vigilance and professionalism throughout the pandemic are minimizing the risk to families and your staff.**
- A video of this presentation will be sent to you tomorrow and posted on our BAO website.
 - ❖ **COVID** - [TheBAO.ca/covid-19-update-links/](https://www.thebao.ca/covid-19-update-links/)
 - ❖ **FAQ** - [TheBAO.ca/covid-19-faq-for-bereavement-licensees-and-grieving-families](https://www.thebao.ca/covid-19-faq-for-bereavement-licensees-and-grieving-families)
- PS - Registrar's Updates do not count as part of continuing education.