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INTRODUCTION

In order to comply with the Reopening Ontario (*A Flexible Response to COVID-19*) Act, (“ROA”), The Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association, (the “Association”), has developed and adopted this “*COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Requirements and COVID-19 Transmission Mitigation policy*” in accordance with provincial guidelines and principals as mandated by the Government of Ontario.

Effective September 22nd, 2021, the Provincial Government requires that ANY Member or Guest who wishes to participate in any of our IN-DOOR events such as our Membership Meetings and other IN-DOOR functions MUST provide Proof of identification and proof of being fully Vaccinated against COVID-19. The Association MUST comply with these regulations pursuant to section 2.1(4) of schedule 1 of O. Reg. 364/20.

The Association will also be implementing the COVID-19 protocols as outlined in this policy that are to be followed at all times during our IN-DOOR meetings and functions.

In addition to the Provincial Regulations the Association must comply with any Municipal by-laws, section 22 orders issued by local Medical Officers of Health under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, (“HPPA”), and any other instructions, policies or guidelines issued by the Government of Ontario.

It is understood that the Association, its members, and the Board of Directors are committed to navigating the mandated requirements in order to establish all the necessary precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are confident that with the anticipated co-operation of our membership we will be able to fulfill these obligations and be in a position to fully participate in all of our planned events for the coming year, including the successful presentation of our annual **STEAM-ERA®** show.

COMPLIANCE

The Association is responsible for ensuring that it meets the requirements regarding proof of identification and proof of vaccination against COVID-19 as outlined in the regulations for Step 3 under O. Reg. 364/20 under the ROA. Existing enforcement provisions, as provided for under that Act therefore apply. Members and Guests are required to ensure that any information they provide to the Association to demonstrate proof of vaccination (or proof of qualifying for an exemption) and proof of identification is complete and accurate.

The Member or Guest seeking entry is **solely responsible** for demonstrating that they are the legitimate holder of the vaccination receipt, and that the information being provided to the Association is complete and accurate and relates to the individual. If the individual fails to demonstrate that to the Association, at the Associations sole discretion, the individual will not be allowed to enter.

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PENALTIES

Failing to comply with the requirements of O. Reg. 364/20 can result in charges under the ROA. If charged under Part I of the *Provincial Offenses Act* (POA), set fine amounts are \$750 for individuals and \$1,000 for corporations.

Maximum penalties based on a prosecution under Part I or Part II of the POA include fines of up to \$100,000 and up to a year in jail for an individual; up to \$500,000 and up to a year in jail for an individual who is a director or officer of a corporation; and up to \$10 million for a corporation.

Violence in the workplace is never acceptable. Obstructing any person exercising a power or performing a duty in accordance with requirements in O. Reg. 364/20 can also result in charges under the ROA.

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND PROOF OF BEING FULLY VACCINATED

ALL members and guests, twelve (12) years and older, seeking to be admitted to an IN-DOOR, IN-PERSON meeting or function sponsored or hosted by the Association MUST show proof of identification and proof of being FULLY vaccinated against COVID-19 before they enter the meeting space, with limited exemptions. Should an individual choose not to share the required information unless the ROA otherwise exempts them from this requirement, will NOT be permitted to enter the premises.

EXEMPTIONS

Members and Guests, twelve years and older, who provide a written document, completed, and supplied by a physician (designated as “MD”) or by a registered nurse in the extended class (designated as “Registered Nurse (Extended Class)”, “RN(EC)”, “Nurse Practitioner” or (“NP”) stating that the individual is exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time-period for the medical reason. Members and Guests with a medical exemption are required to present identification and a written document stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason to the Association. To review proof of a medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19, the Association must ensure:

- The name of the person in the written documentation matches the identification provided.
- The physician’s or registered nurse in the extended class’s information is complete by including:
 - Name and contact information of the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
 - Logo or letterhead identifying the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
 - Statement that there is a medical reason for the individual’s exemption from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
 - Any effective time-period for the medical reason which includes the date the patron is seeking access to the business or organization.

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PROOF OF VACCINATION STATUS

An individual is considered **fully vaccinated** if they have received;

- The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines, or
 - One (1) or two (2) doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one (1) dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or
 - Three (3) doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and
 - They received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least fourteen (14) days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.
- **Health Canada Approved Vaccines:**
 - 2 doses: Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna, Astrazenica/COVISHIELD
 - 1 dose: Janssen/Johnson & Johnson
 - mRNA vaccine: Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION

Validation of identification must also be undertaken to ensure that vaccination receipt offered by the Member or Guest belongs to them. Validation of vaccination will be based on **two key identifiers**:

1. **Name of the identification holder; and**
2. **Date of birth.**

Photo identification is not required.

Proof of identity can be established using documentation issued by an institution or public body, provided it includes the name of the holder and date of birth. Examples of identification documents that may be used to confirm the identity of the holder of the vaccine receipt include:

- **Birth certificate**
- **Citizenship card**
- **Driver's licence**
- **Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including health card³**
- **Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card**
- **Passport**
- **Permanent Resident card**

³ Individuals may voluntarily offer an Ontario health card (issued under the *Health Insurance Act*) for identification purposes, however a person or entity who is not a health information custodian must not record or copy the health card number. Individuals have a right to refuse to provide their health cards. It is an offence under PHIPA to require the production of a health card or health card number in certain circumstances.

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For Ontario residents, expired Ontario government issued identification, including drivers' licences, and expired Canadian government issued documents, such as passports, may be provided as proof of identification. Visitors from within Canada may provide expired passports but may not provide expired provincial documents as proof of identification. All patrons visiting from abroad may not provide expired documents as proof of identification.

VACCINE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

(From September 22 to October 22)

The certification process requires that all Members and Guests possess a vaccination receipt. The receipt must include key information about the vaccination event, including the individual's name, date of birth, number of doses received, date of vaccination and product name of the vaccine received (i.e., Pfizer, Moderna, etc.). Members and Guests may present a receipt issued by the Ontario government (which may include a watermark), or a receipt signed by an Indigenous health provider, or a CAF (Canadian Armed Forces) proof of vaccination, or a receipt from another jurisdiction. Regardless of the type of receipt, an individual seeking entry to an IN-DOOR, IN-PERSON meeting or function sponsored or hosted by the Association must provide the receipt that shows that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and proof of identification, (unless they qualify for an exemption).

Proof of vaccination will be accepted if the person's name and date of birth on their identification document matches the vaccination receipt with name and date of birth and if the person is fully vaccinated.

PRIVACY

The Association shall not retain any information provided by a Member or Guest if the information is provided pursuant to a requirement under section 2.1 of Schedule 1 of O. Reg. 364/20 under the ROA.

Ontario will develop and implement an enhanced digital vaccine certificate with unique QR (Quick Response) code and accompanying verification application that will allow users to verify their vaccination status securely and safely when scanned. Smartphone applications providing proof of vaccination will be accessible to people with disabilities and compatible with adaptive technologies, such as screen readers. A paper version of the enhanced vaccine certificate can be downloaded or printed from the COVID-19 vaccination provincial portal or obtained by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 or by visiting a local Service Ontario office.

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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS - (SAFETY PLAN)

1. PROOF OF BEING FULLY VACCINATED

ANY Member or Guest who wishes to participate in any of our IN-DOOR events such as our Membership Meetings and other IN-DOOR functions MUST provide Proof of identification and proof of being fully Vaccinated (Vaccine Certification) against COVID-19 PRIOR to being allowed entry into the venue. (Vaccine Certification).

2. PASSIVE SCREENING

A passive screening policy will be in effect for all persons wishing to attend IN-DOOR events hosted by the Association with the following expectations;

- Signage will be posted at all entrances that will inform people how to screen themselves. (see Annex A),

3. MAXIMIZING PHYSICAL DISTANCE

Maintain a minimum physical distance of two (2) meters (six feet) at all times by all people who are not from the same household.

4. WEARING OF MASKS AND OTHER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Halton Region Consolidated By-law requires individuals to wear a mask in indoor workplaces and public spaces, unless exempt.

- Wear a mask when you cannot maintain physical distance of 2 metres (six feet) and cannot be separated by Plexiglass or a barrier,
- PPE (surgical/procedure mask and eye protection i.e., goggles or face shield) is required to be worn when a distance of 2 metres (six feet) cannot be maintained from another person not wearing a mask indoors and cannot be separated by Plexiglass or a barrier.
- Masks can be removed when eating or drinking, but individuals must maintain physical distancing of two metres (six feet) between them.
- Masks must be worn when not seated, while moving around the meeting space.

Please bring your own Masks, Hand sanitizer and a limited number of disposable masks will be made available at specific locations throughout the meeting space.

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ANNEX A – PASSIVE SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ONE OR MORE OF THE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS BELOW THAT ARE NEW OR WORSENING?

Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions.

- fever and/or chills
- cough or barking cough (croup)
- shortness of breath
- decrease or loss of smell or taste
- fatigue and/or malaise (for adults)
- nausea/vomiting, and/or diarrhea (for <18 years of age)

IF YOU RECEIVED A COVID-19 VACCINATION IN THE LAST 48 HOURS AND ARE EXPERIENCING MILD FATIGUE, MUSCLE ACHES AND/OR JOINT PAIN THAT ONLY BEGAN AFTER VACCINATION, SELECT “NO.”

2. HAS A DOCTOR, HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, OR PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT TOLD YOU THAT YOU SHOULD CURRENTLY BE ISOLATING (STAYING AT HOME)? (This can be because of an outbreak or contact tracing.)

3. DO YOU LIVE WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN TOLD BY A DOCTOR, HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, OR PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT THAT THEY SHOULD CURRENTLY BE ISOLATING?

If you are fully immunized* or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and since been cleared*, select “No.” *. A fully immunized individual is defined as any individual >14 days after receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series (i.e., Johnson and Johnson).

If the individual experiencing symptoms received a COVID-19 vaccination in the last 48 hours and is experiencing mild fatigue, muscle aches and/or joint pain that only began after vaccination, select “No.”

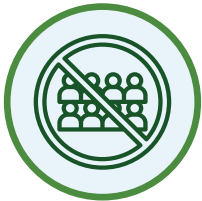
IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY ONE OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THIS LOCATION AND CONTACT EITHER YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR TELEHEALTH ONTARIO (1-866-797-0000) TO GET ADVICE OR AN ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING IF YOU NEED A COVID-19 TEST

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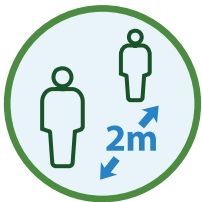
Protect yourself and others from COVID-19



Get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (two doses).



Avoid the 3 C's: crowded, closed-in, and close-contact places.



Practice physical distancing by maintaining a 2-metre (6-foot) distance from others outside of your household.



Wear a non-medical mask where required and when physical distancing cannot be maintained.



Wash hands frequently with soap and water or with alcohol-based hand rub.



Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to it, even if you've been vaccinated. Stay home, and self-isolate.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, please visit [halton.ca/COVID19](https://www.halton.ca/COVID19).