

Restrictions Exemptions Program Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Does Kids Cancer Care comply with the Restrictions Exemption Program?**
Yes, Kids Cancer Care meets and exceeds the Provincial Restriction Exemption Program.
- 2. Who does this policy apply to?**
The policy applies to all program and event participants and volunteers ages 12 years and older. When vaccines are approved for children under the age of 12, we will revisit the applicable age range for this policy.
- 3. What Kids Cancer Care programs and events does this policy apply to?**
The policy applies to all in-person indoor programs and fundraising and awareness events at the Kids Cancer Care office, Camp Kindle, or other location. This policy does not apply to in-person, fully outdoors programs or events.

Programs and events hosted at other facilities not owned and operated by Kids Cancer Care may have special guidance. As of September 20, 2021, in-scope businesses, entities, and events must follow one of these two options:

- Implement the Restrictions Exemption Program, requiring proof of vaccination or negative test result, in addition to mandatory masking, to continue operating as usual; or
- Comply with all public health restrictions as outlined in [Order 42-2021](#).

For more information, please refer to the [Government of Alberta website](#).

- 4. Why are these measures being put into effect and for how long?**
Kids Cancer Care is following the Alberta Provincial Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) implemented to limit the spread of COVID-19. Thorough clinical trials have proven vaccines to be safe, effective and are the best protection against infection. The province has indicated that these restrictions are temporary, however; it is not certain how long they will be in effect. Kids Cancer Care will continue to revisit these policies and adapt as required to ensure the health and safety of our program and event participants, volunteers, and staff.

5. Do I need to show proof of vaccination, a negative test, or documentation of a medical exemption every time I attend a Kids Cancer Care program or event?

Yes, we will need to verify your proof of vaccination, proof of negative COVID-19 test, or documentation of medical exemption each time you or your family participate in one of our in-person, indoor programs or events.

6. What else do I need to bring?

Persons ages 18 years and older will also need to present government-issued ID that matches their proof of vaccination, proof of negative COVID-19 test, or documentation of medical exemption.

7. Does the new proof of vaccination, proof of negative test, or documentation of medical exemption apply to outdoor activities?

Kids Cancer Care does not require proof of vaccination, proof of a negative test, or documentation of medical exemption for participants attending fully outdoor activities that have no indoor component. However, participants from different households must maintain a physical distance of at least two metres. Where physical distancing of at least two metres between households cannot be maintained, masks are required.

8. What qualifies as vaccinated in this policy?

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have received a second dose in a two-dose vaccine series or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.

The following list details the COVID-19 vaccines are approved for use by Health Canada:

Two-dose vaccines

- Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2)
- Moderna (mRNA-1273)
- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (ChAdOx1-S, Vaxzevria, AZD1222)

Single-dose vaccine

- Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)

9. What documentation for proof of vaccination are you accepting?

The following documentation is acceptable:

- Hard copy documentation of vaccination distributed at the time of vaccination (which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose was administered);
- Hard copy print-out of immunization record provided by a pharmacist (which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose was administered);
- A photo of such documentation with the individual's name clearly visible;
- Immunization records on apps such as [My Alberta Health Records](#)

- Province of Alberta’s printable vaccination card through [Alberta Vaccine Record](#); and
- Any other official provincial, territorial, or federal apps.

Self-reported vaccination records that are not verified by a health care provider cannot be accepted.

10. What proof of a negative COVID-19 test are you accepting?

The following documentation is acceptable:

- Photographs, PDFs, or hard copies of negative COVID-19 test documentation with the individual’s name and date of test clearly visible (the test taken no more than 72 hours in advance of the program date);
- The COVID-19 test must be privately paid and not from Alberta Health Services or Alberta Precision Laboratories;
- Self-administered tests will not be accepted; and
- The COVID-19 test must be either a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), which includes PCR tests, or an antigen test, including rapid antigen tests.

11. What proof of medical exemption are you accepting?

A valid medical exemption is the original signed letter from a physician or nurse practitioner that includes:

- Person's name that matches their identification;
- Physician’s or nurse practitioner’s complete information, including name, phone number, contact information, professional registration number and signature;
- Statement that there is a medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
- Duration for which the exemption is valid.

12. Do you store this information anywhere?

Information pertaining to proof of COVID-19 vaccination, negative COVID-19 test result, or documentation of medical exemption will not be stored, scanned, or shared.

13. Can I send this information to Kids Cancer Care or Camp Kindle in advance?

Please do not send your documentation to Kids Cancer Care or Camp Kindle before arriving at a scheduled program or event as we cannot file this information.

14. I am not vaccinated. Are there any exceptions?

Attendees who need reasonable accommodations due to a medical exception or a sincerely held religious belief do not have to be fully vaccinated must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours before attending any in-person, indoor program, or event.

15. I’m vaccinated. Do I need to wear a mask?

The Restrictions Exemption Program permits in-scope businesses, entities, and organizers to operate without most public health restrictions as outlined in [Order](#)

[43-2021](#). Masks are still mandatory indoors. To ensure we are creating the safest environment possible for participants, volunteers, and staff we require everyone to practice continuous masking while indoors at all Kids Cancer Care programs and events, regardless of vaccination status.

16. I have a medical exemption from wearing a mask. What do I do?

Anyone unable to wear a mask due to an [approved medical condition](#) will require a medical exception letter from an authorized health professional. The medical exception letter must come from a nurse practitioner, physician, or psychologist.

17. Are face shields acceptable face coverings?

Face shields do not replace masks or face coverings. A face shield is used to protect the eyes of the person wearing it. Using a face shield without a mask will not protect:

- You from potentially inhaling infectious respiratory droplets exhaled by others; and
- Others from your infectious respiratory droplets, as they can escape around the face shield.

If you're unable to wear a mask or face covering, you may want to wear a face shield. Choose one that extends over the mouth, nose, and chin. You'll still need to:

- Maintain physical distancing of two metres; and
- Practice good hand hygiene, especially if you touch the face shield.

18. Does this apply if my child is too young and cannot wear a mask?

Everyone regardless of age and vaccination status will be required to wear a mask to ensure the safety of participants, volunteers, and staff. Children under two years of age are exempt.

19. What if I forget my documentation at home?

For programs or events at Camp Kindle, we strongly encourage you to bring paper copies as internet access is limited at camp. For Calgary-based programs or events, digital records are permitted.

20. What if I don't want to get vaccinated or present proof of a negative COVID-19 test and I am not eligible for a medical exemption?

Please contact our nursing manager [Mackenzie Murawsky](#) to see if there are online options available for your program.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, please refer to our website regularly before your event to ensure you are aware of our most current protocols.