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Lambton County Business Owner/Manager:

Re: Proof of Vaccination – Clarifications

Based on recent inquiries from businesses that are required to follow the Provincial Proof of Vaccination Policy ([O.Reg 364/20, Schedule 1, Section 2.1](#)) the following information may support you in understanding what vaccination proof is required and what exemptions apply. In addition, we strongly recommend that each business that is required to implement this policy takes the time to review the guidance and Q&A resources listed at the bottom of this letter for specific exemptions and requirements that may apply to them.

Vaccination Proof:

For patrons to enter your facility, they are required to present the following:

- 1) **Proof of being fully vaccinated** – paper or digital copy. Needs to show that two COVID-19 vaccines have been administered at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

A vaccination receipt includes any of the following:

- An Ontario Ministry of Health vaccination receipt – digital or printed paper copy
 - A vaccination receipt signed by an Indigenous Health Provider
 - A vaccination receipt from another jurisdiction that shows the holder is fully vaccinated against COVID-19. (For example: CDC receipts are accepted)
- 2) **Personal identification: the name and date of birth must match the vaccine record:**
 - A photo identification is not required.
 - Proof of identity that has the name of the holder and date of birth. Could include:
Birth certificate, Citizenship card, Driver's licence, Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including health card, Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card, Passport, Permanent Resident card
 - If the name and date of birth on both documents do not match, the individual will not be allowed to enter the business or organization
 - **Expired identification:**
 - Ontario residents may provide expired identification

- Visitors from within Canada may provide expired passports but may not provide expired provincial documents as proof of identification (ie. Driver's licence).
- Patrons visiting from abroad may not provide expired documents as proof of identification.

Exemptions:

Reference page 4 of [Proof of Vaccination Guidance](#) for all applicable exemptions.

Medical Exemptions: patrons indicating medical exemptions must present identification and a written document stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason. The specific information that is required on this document is as follows:

- The name of the person in the written documentation matches the identification provided.
- 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.

A business or organization shall not retain any information provided by a patron.

In the event of harassment or threats of acts of violence, law enforcement should be contacted.

Businesses or organizations are responsible for ensuring they meet the requirements regarding proof of identification and vaccination. **Patrons are required** to ensure that any information they provide to the business or organization to demonstrate proof of identification and vaccination is complete and accurate and be able to produce it upon request. See Compliance section of the [Proof of Vaccination Guidance](#) pg. 9-10.

For complete information, please refer to the following:

[Proof of Vaccination Guidance](#)

[Proof of Vaccination – Business Q&A](#)

Sincerely,

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