

Friday, November 12, 2021

Youth turning 12-years-old in 2022 and participating in indoor organized sports will receive three-month grace period to get their COVID-19 vaccines

Newmarket – The Regional Municipality of York is adding an amendment to the [Letter of Instruction](#) requiring people age 12 and older who participate in indoor organized sports, including players, coaches and officials, to provide proof of vaccination.

Effective Saturday, January 1, 2022, the amendment provides children who turn 12-years-old in 2022 a grace period of 12 weeks (three months) from their birthday, during which they will not need to show proof of vaccination at indoor sports and recreation facilities.

Organized sport and physical activity are important to our physical, mental and social well-being. This change ensures indoor sports activity can continue for those turning 12-years-old while they receive their two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Once an individual reaches 12 weeks after their birthday, they must provide proof of vaccination in accordance with the [Letter of Instruction](#).

The initial [Letter of Instruction](#) came into effect Friday, October 1, 2021 and is updated to reflect this amendment.

Protecting the health and well-being of our communities remain York Region's number one priority as we continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents are reminded that facility owners and operators are required to request proof of vaccination as part of the provincial vaccine certificate program; please demonstrate kindness and cooperation when asked for proof of vaccination.

York Region COVID-19 vaccination clinics continue to accept walk-ins for both first and second doses for all eligible individuals age 12+. Booster doses are also available for [vulnerable populations](#) if at least six months (168 days) have passed since receiving their second dose.

For more information on eligibility, clinic locations, hours or to book an appointment, please visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine. Residents can also receive their COVID-19 vaccine through many local pharmacies or health care providers.

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to 1.2 million residents and 54,000 businesses with 650,000 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at york.ca/regional services