

Recreation Services continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation in British Columbia and the restrictions and guidelines put in place by Health Authorities, the Province and WorkSafeBC.

Recreation Services wishes to thank you for your patience as we awaited the updated Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Gathering and Events Order (the Order) which details which recreation programs and services will require users to produce proof of vaccination for participation.

The Provincial Health Officer has updated the [Order of the Provincial Health Officer – Gathering and Events – September 10, 2021](#) and made it available to the public.

Programs and Services that **are included** in the Order and **WILL** require proof of vaccination are listed below:

- Use of the Fitness Gym at the Vernon Recreation Centre.
- Use of the Walking Track at Kal Tire Place.
- Adult (22+) sports activity. This includes drop-in sports organized by Recreation Services, including but not limited to: shinny, badminton, pickleball, table tennis, floor hockey, volleyball, touch tennis, and basketball), volleyball and hockey leagues and all indoor adult sport user group bookings, including gymnasium and arena rentals.
- Adult (22+) sport programs. This includes all sport programs organized by Recreation Services, including but not limited to: Basketball 35+, Pickleball Learn to Play, Max Golf, and Women's Hockey Learn to Play.
- Adult (22+) fitness activity. This includes all fitness classes organized by Recreation Services, including but not limited to: Minds in Motion, Choose to Move, Smart Fit, Osteofit, Osteofit for Life, Chair Yoga, Fit ABC, Get Up and Go, Yoga for Older Adults, Fit and FUNctional, Mat Pilates, and Buddha Re-Boot.
- Adult (22+) special interest activity. This includes all special interest classes organized by Recreation Services, including but not limited to: Fly Tying.
- A gathering or event of more than 50 people, any age, in an inside place for social or entertainment purposes. This includes rentals of Greater Vernon Recreation facilities including, but not limited to: ticketed sports activities, games, tournaments, concerts, theatrical or dance productions, festivals, conferences, conventions, trade fair, home show, workshops, wedding reception, funeral reception, and a sponsored, ticketed party.

Until further notice, it is expected that all those 12 years of age and older, participating in the above listed events and activities with Greater Vernon Recreation Services, produce their Vaccination Card **each time**, in accordance with the above noted Health Order. Those 12-18 years of age will be required to produce their Vaccination Card, while those 19+ will be required to show **both their Vaccination Card and valid government issued photo identification**, in accordance with the Order. Recreation Services staff will be verifying vaccination cards and photo ID where applicable. Failure to produce the necessary documents will result in you not being able to participate in the activity.

Programs and Services that are **excluded** from the Order and **WILL NOT** require proof of vaccination are listed below:

- Access to the Vernon Aquatic Centre for all ages. This includes public swim, swim lessons, Masters swimming, and Aquafit Classes

- Access to the arenas (Kal Tire Place, Kal Tire Place North, and the Priest Valley Arena), for youth based (21 and under) activities and sport. (ex: public skating, skating lessons, and practices.
- Public skating for adults (22+)
- Events of less than 50 people that are not associated with an adult (22+) sports activity, or an exercise, fitness, or dance activity, or class.

For more information on province-wide restrictions, BC's COVID-19 vaccination program and the provincial proof of vaccination program, please visit gov.bc.ca/covid19.

For more information on how the updated order will affect programs and activities with Greater Vernon Recreation Services, please visit www.gvrec.ca.

Recreation Services thanks all of our patrons, participants, and user groups for their cooperation in abiding with this Order set by the Provincial Health Officer.

Your patience is appreciated as we navigate this changing situation.

Thank you,

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