

MEMBER BULLETIN

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Ontario Vaccine Passport System

On September 1, the Government of Ontario announced that it will be introducing a proof of vaccination system (vaccine passport) that will be required for a patron to access specific, non-essential businesses. The new system will take effect on September 22 and will stay in place as long as is deemed necessary under the *Reopening Ontario Act*. Full details on this announcement can be found by clicking [here](#).

Examples of where proof of double vaccination will be required for entry are included below:

- Restaurant/bars indoor (outdoor dining or patronage will be up to the individual establishment policies);
- Nightclubs;
- Meeting spaces, conferences;
- Sports, fitness, and community centres
- Casinos;
- Concerts; and
- Sporting events

While proof of vaccination will be required to patronize non-essential business, it will not be required for employees working at these businesses.

The OSWCA has developed a template vaccination policy with the assistance of Norm Keith (KPMG Law). The template is available for download on the OSWCA website and will be accompanied by a webinar on September 8th, where Norm Keith will walk through the latest on workplace vaccinations and where the federal and provincial laws are headed on this issue. To register, click [here](#).

If you have any questions about the government vaccination passport system or vaccination policies, please contact Patrick McManus (patrick.mcmanus@oswca.org or 905-629-7766).