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## AMO Policy Update



September 1, 2021

# AMO Policy Update – Proof of Vaccination Certificates

The Premier today [announced](#) the Province will launch an enhanced vaccine certificate and verification app to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Starting September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities. The following higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn will be covered by these requirements:

- restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout);
- nightclubs (including outdoor areas of the establishment);
- meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres;
- facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities, with the exception of youth recreational sport;
- sporting events;
- casinos, bingo halls, and gaming establishments;
- concerts, music festivals, theatres, and cinemas;
- strip clubs, bathhouses, and sex clubs;
- racing venues (e.g., horse racing).

These mandatory requirements will not apply to settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores, other essential goods, or medical supplies. Access to voting in the federal election will not be affected. Indoor masking policies and capacity limits will continue to remain in place.

Facilities and operations not covered by the policy may develop their own access

policies that make use of the new verification credentials.

According to the announcement, the enhanced vaccination certificate services will ensure individual control, privacy enhancements, stability for businesses, and interoperability with verification systems employed by the federal government. As of September 22, Ontarians will be required to show their vaccine receipt when entering designated settings along with another piece of photo identification. By October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ontario will also introduce an enhanced digital vaccine receipt that features a QR code that can be kept on a phone and easily used to show proof of vaccination. The Province will also launch a new app to make it easier and more convenient for businesses and organizations to read and verify that a digital receipt is valid while protecting privacy. Additional tools to improve user experience, efficiency, and business supports will be developed and provided in the coming weeks including alternative tools for people with no email, health card, or ID. The government will also work to support implementation of vaccine certificates for Indigenous communities while maintaining Indigenous data governance, control, access, and possession principles.

Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate. Children who are 11 years of age and younger will also be exempted from these requirements.

According to the announcement, vaccine credentials are a temporary measure, and their necessity will be monitored and evaluated based on data and the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. Enforcement of these requirements will be consistent with current practices under the *Reopening Ontario Act*. Frequently asked questions about proof of vaccination requirements can be accessed [here](#).

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, AMO [wrote](#) to the Premier calling on the Province to implement a province-wide, practical vaccine certification program for those fully vaccinated to protect children under 12 and Ontario's health care resources, and to support the safe, timely and stable reopening of public services, institutions, facilities, and businesses.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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August 19, 2021

# **AMO Policy Update – MTO Regulatory Amendments, Changes to *Municipal Act, 2001* and *Rowan's Law* Timing**

## **Changes to *Municipal Act, 2001* to Come into Force on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Legislative changes enacted through [Bill 215, Main Street Recovery Act, 2020](#) are scheduled to come into force on September 19, 2021. These amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* are intended to help support economic recovery on main streets across Ontario and help important goods continue to be delivered to businesses as efficiently as possible.

From September 19, 2021 onwards, municipal governments will not be able to regulate noise related to the delivery of goods to the following destinations:

1. retail business establishments;
2. restaurants, including cafes and bars;
3. hotels and motels; and
4. goods distribution facilities.

Municipal councils may wish to review any applicable by-laws prior to these amendments coming into force and consider whether any changes are necessary to align with the new framework.

## **Ministry of Transportation Announces Regulatory Amendments to the Low-Speed Vehicle Pilot Program**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has made regulatory amendments to encourage

wider participation in the [low-speed vehicle \(LSV\) pilot program](#) launched in 2017.

As a result, effective July 30, 2021, the following four amendments have been made to the existing [low-speed vehicle \(LSV\) pilot regulations](#):

- allow LSVs to cross a controlled intersection (where there is a traffic control signal, stop sign and/or other traffic control devices (e.g., yield signs) that control traffic in all directions) with a speed limit not greater than 80 km/h;
- remove the requirement to have doors on LSVs;
- remove the limit on the number of occupants allowed in an LSV if there are the required number of seating positions; and,
- lower the insurance requirements for LSVs to align more closely with those of a passenger car to a minimum of \$1 million in third-party liability insurance, and accident benefits coverage of \$65,000 for non-catastrophic injuries and \$1 million for catastrophic injuries.

Municipalities must pass by-laws to allow the use of LSVs on municipal roads. The MTO has developed [a best practices document](#) to support municipalities in developing the LSV pilot in a safe environment.

## ***Rowan's Law* Section 4 Proclamation Postponed**

In recognition of the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sport and recreation sectors, the provincial government is once again postponing the effective date of Phase 2 of *Rowan's Law* from July 1, 2021, to January 1, 2022. This deferral will give sport organizations, as well as municipalities, post-secondary institutions, community centres and private sport clubs or sport entities, additional time to establish and implement Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols for their athletes.

Only the effective date of Phase 2 implementation is being changed, all requirements related to the protocols in the legislation and regulation will remain the same. Any work already completed by your organization will assist in meeting obligations under *Rowan's Law* by January 1, 2022, and sport organizations are welcome to implement the protocols in advance on a voluntary basis.

Resources to assist organizations are available at [www.ontario.ca/concussions](http://www.ontario.ca/concussions) where you can also find a sample protocol template. Additional questions can be directed to [Sport@Ontario.ca](mailto:Sport@Ontario.ca).

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