

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
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**SUBJECT:** Requirement for Proof of Vaccination in Certain  
Settings

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I am writing today to provide you with clarifying information on the requirement for proof of vaccination in certain settings.

### **Proof of Vaccination Under the Reopening Ontario Act**

As you know, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), the province is requiring patrons to provide, at the point of entry, proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before entering certain businesses and organizations as of September 22, 2021.

Specified businesses and organizations are responsible for reviewing and confirming the proof of identification and vaccination (or entitlement to an exemption) as outlined in Ontario Regulation 364/20 (Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step) under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA).

To be clear, the requirement to provide valid proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and identification under Ontario Regulation 364/20 only applies to patrons before they enter a specified business or organization. This requirement does not apply to law enforcement for the purpose of entering a specified business while exercising their lawful duties, including enforcement of the proof of vaccination requirements and other public health measures under the ROA.

Local police services will continue to play a key role in supporting other provincial offences officers in the enforcement of public health measures, particularly wherever there may be public order or public safety concerns. To support our cooperative efforts, the ministry will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to collaborate and share information as the pandemic evolves.

### **Directive #6**

As you may be aware, the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) has the authority, under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990*, to issue a directive to any health care provider or health care entity respecting precautions and procedures to be followed to protect the health of persons anywhere in Ontario. On August 17, 2021, the CMOH issued [Directive #6](#) for the following organizations to establish, implement and ensure compliance with a COVID-19 vaccination policy for its employees, staff, contractors, volunteers and students:

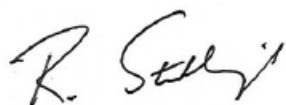
- Public Hospitals within the meaning of the *Public Hospitals Act, 1990*
- Service Providers in accordance with the *Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994*
- Local Health Integration Networks within the meaning of the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* operating as Home and Community Care Support Services (providing community services and long-term care home placement services)
- Ambulance Services paramedics within the meaning of the *Ambulance Act, 1990*

For clarity, Directive #6 does not apply to visitors, patients, or their supports, including law enforcement who may accompany or escort a patient or enter a facility while exercising their lawful duties.

For information on orders currently in effect under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and ROA, **including recent changes to capacity limits**, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information>.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your ongoing dedication and cooperative efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



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