

**Instructions from the Medical Officer of Health
pursuant to subsection 2 (2.1) of Schedule 1 of O. Reg. 364/20:
Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step**

Cornwall, October 1st, 2021

TO: All persons responsible for businesses and organizations with indoor facilities located in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry; the United Counties of Prescott-Russell; or the City of Cornwall, where organized sportsⁱ are played and/or practiced (hereinafter referred to as the “Persons Responsible for Facilities”)

Following consultation with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, these instructions are being provided pursuant to subsection 2 (2.1) of Schedule 1 to Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 And At The Roadmap Exit made under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, S.O. 2020, c. 17 (the “*Reopening Ontario Act*), formerly a regulation made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and now a continued section 7.0.2 order under the *Reopening Ontario Act*. Where these instructions impose an additional requirement not set out in the *Reopening Ontario Act*, the requirement under these instructions must be followed.

Activities related to organized sports, particularly those that happen indoors, have the potential to facilitate all five risk factors for COVID-19 transmission which include: close contact, closed spaces, crowded places, prolonged exposure, and forceful exhalation. When coupled with the removal of masks during physical activity, the Delta Variant of COVID-19 has made indoor sports and recreation activities some of the most high-risk settings for COVID-19 transmission.

The new provincial proof of vaccination requirements have exempted certain participants of organized sports, including volunteers, coaches and officials. Volunteers, coaches and officials are necessary for the operation of organized sports. Given that these individuals will have close and prolonged contact with vulnerable individuals who may be unvaccinated, by way of these instructions, I am requiring proof of vaccination for volunteers, coaches and officials associated with indoor organized sports.

Effective **12:01 a.m. on October 4th, 2021**, and until further notice unless otherwise specified, I, Dr Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, am instructing the Persons Responsible for Facilities to:

1. At the point of entry to the facility, confirm proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to a medical exemption) and identification, in the same manner as if prescribed by O. Reg. 364/20, Schedule 1, section 2.1, and the Ministry of Health’s Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act, for all volunteers, coaches and officials, 12 years and older.
2. Continue to comply with all other public health measures related to screening, physical distancing, use of personal protective equipment, and maintaining a log with contact information of every member of the public who enters the facility, as outlined in O. Reg. 364/20.

ENFORCEMENT

You are required to comply with the additional measures above, pursuant regulations under the *Reopening Ontario Act* including any successor legislation or regulations. As per the *Reopening Ontario Act*, individuals who do not comply with the above noted requirements may be liable for a fine up to a maximum of \$100,000 and for a term of imprisonment of not more than one year; directors or officers of a corporation who do not comply with the above noted requirements may be liable for a fine up to a maximum of \$500,000 and for a term of imprisonment of not more than one year; and in the case of the corporation, a fine up to a maximum of \$10,000,000.

Inquiries regarding these instructions shall be directed to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 613-933-1375, ext. 1201, or by fax at 613-938-9707.



Dr. Paul Roumeliotis
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ⁱ “**Organized Sport(s)**” means sport(s) and recreation including, but not limited to, sports leagues, organized pick-up sports, dance classes, gymnastics, martial arts and swimming classes, or as otherwise described in the Ministry of Health’s Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act.