

Bernard Betel Centre Vaccination Policy FAQ

What is the Vaccination Policy?

As of October 25, 2021, proof of vaccination will be required for anyone coming into and/or on the Bernard Betel Centre premises.

Staff, employees, volunteers, students and contractors will be required to submit an Attestation Form by October 25, 2021.

Everyone else at this point will be required to show the Ministry of Health receipt/documentation (paper/digital) of being fully vaccinated as well as a piece of photo identification each time they come into and/or on the Bernard Betel Centre premises.

Who does this policy apply to?

This policy applies to anyone coming into and/or on the Bernard Betel Centre premises.

What else is the Bernard Betel Centre doing to stop the spread of COVID-19?

Our current procedures of screening, physical distancing, mandatory wearing of masks, personal protective equipment, cleaning protocols, and hand hygiene will remain in place.

Are masks still mandatory?

Yes. Any changes to our mandatory mask policy will be communicated to you.

What can I bring as proof of vaccination?

Proof of Vaccination is the receipt or other documentation (app-based, digital photo or hard copy) which includes your full name, health card number, date of birth, and date of vaccination; an individual is considered fully vaccinated 14 days from that date of vaccination.

I don't know where to find my proof of vaccination

Proof of your vaccination can be [downloaded](#) from the Ontario Ministry of Health. You will need your green photo health (OHIP) card. If you do not have a photo health card, you can call the provincial vaccine booking line at 1-833-943-3900.

What do you mean by "Fully Vaccinated"?

At this point fully vaccinated means a person must have received two (2) doses of a World Health Organization (WHO) approved vaccine or one (1) dose of a WHO-approved single-dose vaccine, at least 14 days prior to the date of entering our premises.

Can I email or mail in my vaccination proof to the Bernard Betel Centre?

Please DO NOT email or mail your proof of vaccination. Members, clients, guests, community participants and the community at large will be required to show proof at the door each time you come to the Centre. No other method of delivery will be recognized.

Who created this policy?

In accordance with Directive #6 of the Home Care and Community Services Act 1994, and the Province of Ontario Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, and with the unanimous support of the Bernard Betel Centre Board of Directors and the Return to Work Plan and Program Committee, everyone coming into and/or on the premises of the Bernard Betel Centre is required to fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Are you going to change this policy at some point?

We reserve the right, as a private not-for-profit organization, to amend any and all details in this policy. We will notify our community of any important changes.

Are you going to keep my proof of vaccination on file?

The Bernard Betel Centre will not retain any proof of vaccination documents that are provided by members, clients, guests, community participants and the community at large. You will be required

to show proof of vaccination and photo identification at the door each time you come into and/or on the premises of the Bernard Betel Centre. We are working on a process to mitigate this issue.

I'm just bringing my parent for a Chiropody appointment. Do I still need to show proof?

Yes. Anyone 12 years of age or older coming into and/or on the Bernard Betel Centre premises must show photo identification and proof of full vaccination at the door in order to enter our premises or participate in our programs outside on the Bernard Betel Centre premises.

I'm not vaccinated. Can you allow me an exemption or can I show a negative COVID test?

According to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, there are very few legitimate medical reasons not to get vaccinated against COVID-19. They include an allergist-or immunologist-confirmed severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or to any of its components or a diagnosis of myocarditis — inflammation of the heart muscle — and pericarditis, inflammation of the sac around the heart, after receiving an mRNA vaccine.

A medical exemption **must be** provided by either a physician/medical doctor. The exemption must clearly indicate the reason why the individual cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 (i.e. clear medical information that supports the exemption). The physician/medical doctor information is complete by including:

- Name and contact information of the physician/medical doctor;
- Logo or letterhead identifying the physician/medical doctor;
- Statement that there is a medical reason for the individual's exemption from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
- Any effective time-period for the medical reason which includes the date the individual is seeking access to the Bernard Betel Centre.

An exemption request must be submitted in writing to Gail Gould, Executive Director, or Abey Suwande, Director, Finance and Human Resources with reasons for their request.

If the exemption is approved the individual will be required to participate in regular testing for COVID-19 and demonstrate a negative result at their own cost within 48 hours of their entry into and/or on the Bernard Betel Centre premises in accordance with the HCCSA and other health guidance.

I have no intention of getting vaccinated, so what now?

We wish you would reconsider your choice because this is a matter of *public* health. Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is quite easy. To book an appointment visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine> or call 1-833-943-3900.

I want to get vaccinated but I haven't got around to it yet. Where can I go?

It is very simple to book! To book an appointment visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine> or call 1-833-943-3900.

Will your staff also be vaccinated?

Yes, We are legislated by Directive #6 of the Home Care and Community Services Act 1994 that requires the establishment, implementation and compliance of a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy requiring its employees, staff, contractors, volunteers, and students to provide: proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or written proof of a medical reason provided by a physician that sets out a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated.

I have a question that you haven't answered here. Who should I contact?

If we did not answer your questions, please email feedback@betelcentre.org or call Marina Pak at 416-225-2112, ext. 207.

