



COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

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PURPOSE: As per the recommendations set out by the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU); As a condition of participation in any league activities, the London Ice Dawgs Youth Hockey Club has established a policy requiring proof of vaccination from all vaccine eligible members including the management team, contractors/sub-contractors, volunteers (on and off ice) and frequent visitors such as parents and/or guardians of registered members. Vaccination must be in accordance with this policy's deadlines.

REASON FOR POLICY: The London Ice Dawgs Youth Hockey Club recognizes the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on minor sports and the mental health and well-being of youth players across the country. We are committed to doing everything necessary to ensure we provide a safe and healthy environment for our members by following the recommendations of public health care professionals including the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

WHAT IS COVID-19: COVID-19 is a strain of virus that had not been previously identified in humans. In some cases, illness caused by the novel coronavirus can be mild. However in more severe cases, COVID-19 can cause pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome, severe influenza-like illness, kidney failure and even death.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED: Vaccines are available to everyone who is 12 years of age (born 2009 or earlier) and older. The London Ice Dawgs encourage all eligible members to get their vaccination if they have not already done so, or seek the advice of their primary health care provider about their concerns and options.

WHAT VACCINES ARE ACCEPTED: Only Health Canada approved vaccines will be accepted. They include; Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Oxford AstraZeneca and Janssen.

WHERE TO GET VACCINATED: There are many locations to get a vaccination including Western Fair District Agriplex, Caradoc Community Centre, pharmacies and other mobile pop-up clinics throughout the city.

VACCINE PASSPORT REGISTRATION LINKS:

Management, contractors, refs, volunteers: http://www.londonicedawgs.com/cv_vaccine_passport.php

Parents, guardians: http://www.londonicedawgs.com/vaccine_passport.php

RESOURCES:

<https://www.healthunit.com/mandatory-covid-19-vaccination-policies>

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1. All vaccine eligible members of the management team, contractors/sub-contractors, volunteers (on and off ice) and frequent visitors such as parents and/or guardians of registered members must be FULLY vaccinated (+14 days) by November 1, 2021.
2. Only Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccinations are acceptable.
3. Eligible participants (including parents/guardians) must complete our online registration and then bring their proof of vaccination documentation for verification to their 1st ice time to receive their Vaccine Pass/Dawg Tag which must be worn and visible at all sessions
4. At the time of this policy; only people aged 12 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. If the vaccination requirements change to include those under the age of 12, members agree to complete their vaccination series within 30 days of becoming eligible.
5. Any vaccine eligible member of the management team, contractors/sub-contractors, volunteers (on and off ice) and frequent visitors such as parents and/or guardians of registered members who have not met the vaccination requirements or those who have not properly obtained an exemption as set out by this policy by November 1, 2021 will not be permitted to participate in any activities and will be denied entry to our program.
6. Any participant including a parent/guardian may submit a 'Request for Medical Exemption' form (See Appendix A) for medical reasons as cited by the MLHU. This official document must be signed by the participant's primary care physician who must be certified and in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. This documentation must include participant's name and date of birth, the health care providers name, address, phone number and signature.
7. Any participant including a parent/guardian may submit a 'Request for Exemption' for religious/protected grounds. An exemption for a religious/protected grounds reason must be clearly documented on their attestation and it must be notarized by a licensed notary who is in good standing with the Law Society of Ontario and must include their license number.
8. No other forms or letters will be considered acceptable.
9. The London Ice Dawgs Youth Hockey Club Incorporated observes the right to request additional information as it deems necessary.
10. Participants who are granted an exemption/accommodation for a medical or religious/protected grounds reason must provide a negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test upon arrival to all London Ice Dawgs activities or events. This test must be taken within 24 hours of arrival and is at the expense of the participant. The test results will be considered expired after 24 hours and a new test will be required to have access to our programs. Tests may be purchased at Shoppers Drug Mart.
11. This policy may be updated at any time to reflect any changes or recommendations that may be made by the Provincial Government and/or the Middlesex-London Health Unit.