

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following information is designed to help business operators, event organizers, and patrons at the impacted locations understand how to comply with the [proof of vaccination ordinance](#) and implement this public health and safety measure.

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### **A. What Types of Locations and Events Does This New Law Apply to?**

As of May 17, 2022, this Proof of Vaccination law applies to Senior Adult Care Facilities and City Senior Centers.

### **B. What Does This Law Require a Business Operator of a Senior Adult Care Facilities or a City Senior Centers to Do?**

Beginning January 15, 2022, such Business Operators must display prominently in at least two locations on the premises, visible to Patrons prior to entrance, a sign stating that

beginning February 1, 2022, Proof of Vaccination is required to enter any indoor portion of the premises. Download and print out a multi-lingual sign [here](#).

Beginning February 1, 2022, a Business Operator must:

- Verify that each patron twelve (12) years of age has proof of vaccination;
- For a patron seeking a Medical Exemption, verify such exemption and proof of a negative COVID-19 test;
- Develop and keep a written record describing the protocol for implementing and enforcing the Proof of Vaccination requirements of this law, keep such records for one year, and make such record available, upon request, to the Alameda County Public Health Department of Health or City staff.

**C. What are the Rules for Checking a Patron’s Proof of Vaccination Based on Age?**

Operators at **Senior Adult Care Facilities and City Senior Centers** must check each patron twelve (12) years of age or older for Proof of Vaccination. For patrons eighteen (18) years of age or older, Proof of Vaccination must be cross-checked along with a photo Identification.

**D. What Documentation is Required to Verify Proof of Vaccination?**

Any one of the following serves as Proof of Vaccination:

1. A vaccination card issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 vaccination card, which includes the name of the person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose administered, or similar documentation issued by a foreign governmental agency;
2. A photo of the vaccination card (both sides) mentioned above printed as a physical photograph or stored on a phone or electronic device;
3. Documentation of vaccination from a licensed healthcare provider; or
4. A personal digital COVID-19 vaccine record issued by the State of California or similar documentation issued by another state, local, or foreign governmental jurisdiction, or by a private company. California residents can visit the State of California’s Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record website at [myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov](http://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov) and download a QR Code on a phone.

**E. What are Acceptable Forms of Photo Identification to Cross-Check Proof of Vaccination for Patrons Eighteen Years and Older?**

An original or copy of an identification card will suffice, including any of the following:

- Driver's License;
- Government (local, state, federal, or foreign) issued identification card;
- School or work identification card;
- Passport

**F. Are There Exceptions or Exemptions to the Proof of Vaccination Requirement?**

Yes. The exception or exemptions are as follows:

**A Patron at a Senior Adult Care Facility or a City Senior Center may be exempt from the Proof of Vaccination Requirement if they are entitled under any applicable law to a reasonable accommodation for a medical condition by providing:**

- a. Verification of Medical Exemption in the form of documentation signed by a licensed medical provider indicating the Patron is excused from receiving any COVID-19 vaccine due to a medical condition or disability; and
- b. Proof of a recent Negative COVID-19 Test in the form of a printed document, email or text message displayed on a phone, from a test provider or laboratory that shows negative results from a test conducted within 72 hours before entry. The printed document, email, or text message must include the person's name, type of test performed, date of the test, and negative test result; and
- c. Photo Identification.

**G. How Does the Law Apply to the Oakland Coliseum and Arena?**

For the Arena, Patrons attending events with more than 2,500 attendees must wear a mask.

At the Coliseum, wearing a mask is not required upon entry. However, if there is a large indoor event with 2,500 or more people occurring at an indoor portion of the Coliseum, upon entering such area patrons must wear a mask.

**H. Do police officers, firefighters and other life safety personnel need to show Proof of Vaccination at Senior Adult Care Facilities and City Senior Centers?**

While carrying out [their official duties](#), such as a law enforcement response or investigation, firefighting, emergency medical services, or enforcement of building, health, and safety codes, City and non-City employees do not need to show Proof of Vaccination when entering **Senior Adult Care Facilities or City Senior Centers**. However, if they are entering these locations while not carrying out their official duties, they must show Proof of Vaccination.