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## City of Saint Paul Full Vaccination or Negative COVID-19 Test Requirement

Effective January 19 (January 26 for events requiring tickets), City-licensed businesses and venues serving food and/or beverages consumed indoors on site are required to request all patrons provide proof of full vaccination or a negative test result for COVID-19 (received within 72 hours of entry) and a photo ID. This is per Mayor Carter's Executive Order [2022-5](#); the order will expire 40 days after January 19 (February 28) or sooner, if rescinded.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- How do I know if my business must require patrons to provide proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID test?
  - If you answer "yes" to both of the following questions, your business must follow the Executive Order:
    - Is your business licensed by the City of Saint Paul?
    - Do you sell food or beverage and allow consumption on your premise?
  - Please note that there are a few exemptions:
    - Any educational facility for students and staff during school hours.
    - Any location providing COVID-19 vaccinations or testing (provided the facility follows all supplemental COVID-19 safety measures).
    - Any location hosting a Naturalization ceremony (provided that no food or beverages is provided or consumed, and the facility follows all COVID-19 safety measures).
    - Grocery stores, convenience stores, or other establishments that primarily sell food or other items for offsite use (except in seated dining areas within those stores).
    - Any portion of a location that is outdoors, meaning the area is fully open to the outside on two or more sides, regardless of whether the area has a ceiling or roof.
- Can I limit food or beverage consumption to a limited area within my business and only require proof for individuals in that area?
  - No. The only exception is if your business is a grocery store, convenience store, or other establishment that primarily sells food or other items for offsite use, except in seated dining areas within those stores.
- If I do pick-up or take-out only, do I need to check for proof of vaccination or negative COVID status?
  - No.
- What constitutes full vaccination?



- A complete two-dose vaccine series of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or single-dose COVID-19 vaccine (Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine) completed two weeks prior to entry qualifies as fully vaccinated under the Executive Order. Booster shots are not required.
- What proof is acceptable?
  - Patrons age five and older must provide one of the following:
    - CDC issued vaccination card (original, photocopy, or digital copy/photo)
    - Record of immunization from a healthcare provider or public health authority
    - COVID-19 verification application approved by a government entity (e.g., Docket)
    - World Health Organization Vaccination Record
  - Patrons age 18 and older must also provide photo identification.
- What constitutes proof of a negative COVID test?
  - Patrons age five and older must show proof of a negative test taken within 72 hours of entry. This can take the form of an email, printout, or screenshot that lists the name of the individual, the negative test result, and the date the test was conducted. Please note that at-home tests do not meet this requirement.
  - Patrons age 18 and older must also provide photo identification.
- What are acceptable forms of photo identification?
  - Businesses also need to verify vaccination or negative test results with photo identification for patrons who are age 18 and older, such as:
    - State issued driver's license or limited purpose driver's license
    - Any other state issued identification card
    - Passport
    - Student ID
    - Permanent resident card
- What if a customer indicates they have a medical or religious exemption?
  - They must provide a negative COVID test obtained less than 72 hours prior to entry.
- When should I check for proof of full vaccination or negative COVID-19 test results?
  - Please verify documents before allowing patrons to enter your business.
- Will employees need to keep a patron's record of vaccine status or a record of the verification process?
  - No, you do not need to keep any kind of a record.
- What about kids under five?
  - They are not covered the order.



- Is signage required to be display at my business?
  - No, however it is recommended that you post signage at the entrance of your business.
  - You can find a PDF of a sign to download and print at [www.stpaul.gov/coronavirus](http://www.stpaul.gov/coronavirus).
  - In addition, the City encourages you to update your website to reflect the vaccination and masking guidelines.
  
- For customers whose vaccination status has been verified previously, are we required to repeatedly check?
  - Yes.
  
- Will facilities need to verify vaccination status for third party vendors, regulators, and/or repair service technicians entering the indoor area to perform a service?
  - No. Executive Order 2022-5 only applies to patrons of your facility.
  - However, anyone inside your facility must wear a well-fitted mask per Executive Order 2022-3.
  
- Will employees need to provide proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID test?
  - No. Executive Order 2022-5 only applies to patrons of your facility.
  - However, employees must wear a well-fitted mask per Executive Order 2022-3.
  
- Is vaccination required for private parties at my City-licensed business?
  - Yes. The vaccination verification and existing masking requirements apply to all indoor private parties that are held at City-licensed businesses including bars, restaurants, nightclubs, and event halls.
  
- Are masks still required indoors after vaccination verification?
  - Yes, masks will be required as long as the Mayor's Executive Order remains in effect.
  - Masks may be removed when patrons are actively eating and drinking.
  
- What is the penalty for a business that does not comply?
  - The City will respond to complaints first by educating and supporting business owners.
  - Continued non-compliance may result in the City taking action against a business. Adverse action may result in the imposition of a fine against the business or suspension or revocation of their license (see Legis. Code, Saint Paul, Minn. § 310).
  
- Who can I contact with questions?
  - Please call the City of Saint Paul at 651-266-8989.