



ANISHINABEK NATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Municipalities, Public Health Units, Chambers of Commerce

From: Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe
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CC: Anishinabek Nation's First Nation Chiefs, Band Administrators/Directors of Operations, and Health Directors
Province of Ontario
Minister Greg Rickford, Indigenous Affairs of Ontario
Deputy Minister Shawn Batise, Indigenous Affairs of Ontario

Date: September 22, 2021

Re: Proof of Identification for Vaccination Passports & COVaxON

Effective today, September 22, 2021, proof of vaccination status is required to access certain businesses and settings in the province of Ontario. This memo is intended to advise and inform organizations and businesses that the Province of Ontario has assured Anishinabek Nation that ***First Nation Status Cards (secure, unsecure, or expired) will be accepted widely and without interference or refusal***, provided the name on the card corresponds with the name on the proof of vaccination.

We, in turn, have assured the Anishinabek Nation communities of the following:

- Indian Status Cards (secure, unsecure, or expired) will be accepted as a valid form of Identification.
- The only information required is a proof of photo identification, and documentation receipt (2 doses plus 14 days from the date of the second dose). This proof can be obtained either from the provincial COVaxON system or from the First Nation organization that administered the vaccinations.
- Paper or downloaded proof of vaccination on a mobile device are both acceptable.
- No community member will be denied medical attention or service at any institution regardless of their vaccination status.

We trust that this information will be shared widely to avoid any confusion or disruption to your processes.