



**CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH**  
A People United in Justice and Love

## CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH COVID-19 POLICY: 3 Month Trial<sup>1</sup>

In addition to Bishop Sandra's letter to the diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI dated: [October 1, 2021](#) the following applies to the Corporation of Christ Church, for a three month trial period.

There is **no requirement** to show vaccine status to attend worship.

There **is a requirement** to show vaccine status to attend a wedding or funeral.

There **is a requirement** to show vaccine status to attend events in the hall, whether or not church related.

Effective 4 October 2021, proof of vaccination is required to attend or participate in discretionary, non-essential events, activities and services in Nova Scotia. Details on locations where proof of vaccination is required in Nova Scotia can be accessed here:

<https://novascotia.ca/Coronavirus/proof-of-full-vaccination-policy/>. Christ Church and its programmes and services intend to align with the Nova Scotia proof of vaccination requirements on all church properties and events.

### **Essential Services and Activities**

Proof of vaccination is not required to attend essential activities, which include faith services: (Sunday morning worship, or designated gathering ie: All Souls Service, etc.), food bank, or programs and services for vulnerable populations that can't be offered virtually, safety training and/or where those meetings require participation that can't be done virtually.

### **Non-Essential Services and Activities**

Whereas volunteers are asked to provide proof of vaccination, Christ Church staff, church volunteers and all visitors are required to follow the provincial direction for access to non-essential services on all church properties. Non-Essential Services and Activities are defined as those events such as weddings, funerals including visitations, receptions, social events, community gatherings, bible studies, parish council meetings, and meetings of any ministry

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group of Christ Church (to include rental and non-rental agreements for use of church and church hall) that are conducted on behalf of Christ Church on church property.

Adults and Youth, aged 13 to 18 will have to have proof of vaccination.

Children who turn 12 between 1 January and 4 October 2021 have until 31 December 2021 to attend events and activities while they get vaccinations. Children who turn 12 after 4 October 2021 have 3 months from their birthday to get vaccinated.

The only exception to this requirement for proof of vaccination will be when a person holds a Valid Medical Contraindication for COVID-19 Vaccination letter issued by a Medical Doctor or Nurse Practitioner.

### **Requirements**

Those individuals hosting these gatherings and events will require proof of vaccination and one other piece of accepted identification at the time of the event. A record will be sent to and kept by the Parish Administrator for contact tracing if required.

Proof of vaccination must be provided through government issued documentation and include the following information: name of person who received the vaccine; information on the government or non-governmental entity that administered the vaccine; brand name(s) of the vaccine; and date on which the vaccine was administered.

**Proof of vaccination means** at any meeting in the hall, or in the church that is not considered a worship service, the chair, or their designate is required to visually view vaccination records. People who feel comfortable can submit their name to the chair of the group, or to the Parish Administrator who will keep this information private and confidential. Only names of those vaccinated will be recorded. This information is treated in the same nature as all confidential information of parishioners. Recording of your information is not mandatory but would be used for efficiency's sake. Also, physicians' letters indicating that a person is unable to be vaccinated must be shown upon entering an event, and a copy can also be recorded if so desired.

### **Compliance**

Christ Church is committed to providing a safe environment for all. All Covid-19 protocols and prevention efforts are being imposed to ensure that transmission of this communicable disease is managed in accordance with health standards. **This requires all paid and volunteer staff of Christ Church, its organizations, committees and programmes to be vaccinated.** Medical exemptions will be automatically accommodated on an individual basis. Where a person chooses not to be vaccinated on moral or other grounds, the person will not be accommodated.

**Conclusion**

All people are reminded to remain respectful throughout the implementation of this new direction. Under no circumstances will any type of verbal abuse or displays of frustration directed at staff, volunteers, and/or anyone in authority be tolerated.