



Capital News Centre and Prospera Place Facility Policies

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The Province of British Columbia announced effective October 24, 2021 individuals aged 12 and older will be required to be fully vaccinated (2 doses) of an approved COVID-19 vaccine to access certain businesses, events, and recreational/social settings. Included in these categories are sports and recreation facilities such as the Capital News Centre and Prospera Place.

Personal Masks

- As of October 12, 2021, the Province of British Columbia has a mask order for all patrons born in 2016 or earlier (5+). Unless actively engaged in a sports activity on the ice or field, patrons are required to always wear a mask while inside a GSL Facility. Masks must cover both the nose and mouth of the individual.

Proof of Vaccination

- Anyone born in 2009 or earlier (*except players 12 – 21 years of age participating in a youth sport activity*) will be required to present proof of vaccination. This includes a digital version or a paper copy of the **BC Vaccine Passport** and 1 piece of photo ID (youth 12 – 18 not required to show photo ID). Vaccination cards provided at immunization locations will not be accepted.
- Persons 0 – 21 years of age participating in a program for children or youth or in a sports event will not be required to present proof of vaccination.
- Adults supervising a youth sport activity including coaches, team managers, safety managers, and referees will be required to present proof of vaccination.
- Spectators at all activities in the Capital News Centre and Prospera Place will be required to present proof of vaccination (2 doses). Checking for proof of Vaccination Passport is the responsibility of each user group as detailed below.
- Anyone affiliated with an **adult** sport activity or rental will be required to present proof of vaccination (2 doses). Checking for proof of Vaccination Passport is the responsibility of each user group as detailed in the section Group Ambassador and Checking Proof of Vaccination Passport.



Group Ambassador and Checking Proof of Vaccination Passport

- Youth sport activity groups are required to appoint a **Group Ambassador** to ensure anyone born in 2009 or earlier (except players) provides proof of vaccination. This includes a digital version or a paper copy of the **BC Vaccine Passport** and 1 piece of photo ID (youth 12 – 18 not required to show photo ID). Vaccination cards provided at immunization locations will not be accepted. Vaccine Passports **MUST** be checked at front door/entrance of the facility and must be done at each session. Failure to do so will result in suspension of booking privileges and possible fine from local Health Authority.
- Adult rental groups are required to appoint a **Group Ambassador** to ensure anyone affiliated with the rental provides proof of vaccination. This includes a digital version or a paper copy of the **BC Vaccine Passport** and 1 piece of photo ID (youth 12 – 18 not required to show photo ID). Vaccination cards provided at immunization locations will not be accepted. Vaccine Passports **MUST** be checked at front door / entrance to assigned rink and must be done at each session. Failure to do so will result in suspension of booking privileges and possible fine from local Health Authority. GSL will conduct random checks. Maximum spectator numbers below.

Procedure

- At the Capital News Centre visitors will be directed to a greeting station at the main entrance. It is at the station that the Group Ambassador must be positioned.
- At Prospera Place the Group Ambassador will be positioned at the Minor Hockey Entrance door on the South side of the building.
- Upon arrival using your camera function scan the **QR Code** located on the entry doors labelled “**Group Ambassador**”. Follow the link to, Open “forms.gle”. The instructions and Vaccine Passport Check List will show on your phone, and you are required to complete it.
- Only the BC Vaccine Card Verifier App may be used to scan Vaccine Passports.
- Remain at the front doors and inform your group’s spectators access is 10-minutes prior to start time and ask they not enter.
- 10-minutes prior to session start checking proof of vaccination may begin and allow spectators to enter.
- Ensure all spectators Vaccine Passports are scanned and a total number of spectators for your activity is tracked.

Group Ambassador QR Code





Maximum Spectator Occupancy with Vaccine Passport checking in place

- Capital News Centre –
 - Rink #1 - 225 - All spectators must be seated in mezzanine area.
 - Rink #2 – 100 – All spectator must be seated in the designated viewing area to the side of the rink.
- Prospera Place – 100 (Non ticketed event)
- Spectators 12 years and younger must remain within arms reach of their guardians while inside a GSL facility.

Access to the Facilities

- For Youth Programming - Players, coaches, team managers, safety managers, and referees are permitted to access the facility **45–minutes** prior to session start. No dryland (pre-game warm up) permitted within the facilities.
- For Adult Programming - Players, coaches, team managers, safety managers, and referees are permitted to access the facility **30–minutes** prior to session start.
- All Spectators will access the facility **10–minutes** prior to session start.
 - At the Capital News Centre on Rink 1 all spectators must be seated in the mezzanine level stands, no spectators at ice level.
 - For Rink 2 all spectators must be in the stands, no spectators to be standing at ice level at the ends of the rink.
 - Spectators are to stay within the spectator area that their athlete is participating on.
 - **Viewing ice or field surfaces from the lobby or mezzanine lobby is not permitted.**
- Access to lobby for elevator, concession & washrooms are available.
- Gatherings in lobby areas are prohibited.
- Players, coaches, team managers, safety managers, and referees must exit the facility 30–minutes following session ending. All Spectators exit immediately following session ending.

We're committed to working with the Province of British Columbia and its local Regional Health Authorities and will provide additional updates to our participants as they become available.

