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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Ottawa, Ontario:

On Wednesday September 1, 2021, the Province of Ontario announced that starting September 22, 2021, Ontarians who qualify for a vaccine will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide proof of vaccination to access certain public settings and facilities.

As part of Hockey Eastern Ontario's effort to ensure the safety and continuing participation of everyone involved in HEO sanctioned hockey, and in alignment with the province of Ontario's regulations, all those born in 2009 or earlier will have to be fully vaccinated to participate in HEO sanctioned programming, this includes:

- Players born in 2009 or earlier;
- Game Officials (referees, linespersons, timekeepers);
- HEO Officials (Directors and employees of HEO);
- Organization Officials (Association and League Executives, District Executives, and employees);
- Team Officials (coaches, trainers, managers, and equipment personnel); and
- Volunteers serving in any other capacity.

In keeping with the province's timelines, HEO's policy will be in place beginning September 27, 2021.

All Affected Persons must present to their League or Association, as applicable, evidence demonstrating that they have received the completed series of an accepted COVID-19 Vaccine by November 8, 2021, or earlier.

HEO will comply with Province of Ontario Legislation and provide accommodation for those individuals who are unable to be vaccinated for substantiated medical reasons.

Any affected person who has not been granted an accommodation and who has not received their completed series of an Accepted COVID-19 Vaccine by November 8, 2021, or who has not disclosed their vaccination status by that date, will no longer be eligible to participate in any HEO sanctioned activity until such time as they present satisfactory evidence that they are fully vaccinated.

## Please contact your Local Public Health Unit or the Province of Ontario for information on where to get vaccinated.

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