



Standing Committee of the Québec Golf Industry

Vaccination Passport

Dear golf course owners and managers,

On August 24, the Québec Government announced details on the implementation of the vaccine passport. Below are the highlights of the items that will have an impact on your club's operations.

Vaccination Passport:

The vaccination passport will be implemented in Québec as of September 1, 2021. It is an **official and free** tool certifying that a person is adequately protected against COVID-19. It will be required for everyone **aged 13 and over**.

The **VaxiCode** and **VaxiCode Verif** apps are available for download from the App Store as of August 25, 2021 and in the coming days on Google Play.

There will be a two-week trial period during which there will be awareness-raising initiatives carried out by the authorities rather than sanctions.

When to require the vaccination passport:

Vaccination passports are **not required for golf** when the activity takes place outdoors. However, it will be required from customers/participants:

- In the food service areas, including terraces;
- In golf competitions;
- In golf tournaments.

How it works:

The **VaxiCode** app, **intended for citizens**, will allow them to download and read the full content of their own QR code, available in their proof of vaccination, to file it in an electronic wallet, and present it when accessing targeted businesses. Please note that for a citizen, the use of the VaxiCode application is not mandatory as a vaccination passport. They can present their QR code in PDF or paper format.

The **VaxiCode Verif** app, **intended for operators and/or managers**, will read the QR code that appears on the proof of vaccination to determine a person's protection status against COVID-19. This status will be displayed in green or red, along with the Québec Government's certification, determining whether or not the person can access the site. No other information, other than the person's name, will be visible on the scanner. Once downloaded, this application will work autonomously without consuming data. You will be able to use it without being connected to a cellular network or a wireless Internet network (WiFi). **Citizens will also be required to present a photo ID card to validate their identity.**

[EXPLANATORY VIDEO \(in French\)](#)

The golf facility will be responsible for carrying out the vaccination passport check or ensuring that the event organizer (competitions, tournaments) carries out the check and keeps a record of the check "a copy of which shall be signed by the organizer and given to the golf facility". The attendance records currently required at some venues or activities are maintained to allow for tracking.

People who were vaccinated outside of Québec

Citizens who were vaccinated outside of the province of Québec must first register their vaccination in the *Registre de vaccination du Québec*. After this registration is completed, they will receive their electronic proof of vaccination.

Please note:

- Food service employees will not be subject to the requirement of providing a vaccination passport to work.
- **Masks must be worn at all times** in indoor public spaces.

Helpful links:

- [Vaccination passport](#)
- [Places and activities requiring the COVID-19 Vaccination Passport](#) (translation in progress)
- [Association Restauration Québec](#) (in French)
- [Proof of COVID-19 vaccination](#) - *Registre de vaccination du Québec*:

COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE

Rest assured that the members of the Standing Committee of the Québec golf industry are closely following the developments of the pandemic and remain on the lookout for new government guidelines. **Should the situation deteriorate**, it goes without saying that **some directives could be put back in place** to protect our participants, employees, and volunteers. If necessary, a new official communication will be sent to you to inform you of the situation and the related requirements

The golf industry must maintain a rigorous enforcement of existing governmental guidelines to ensure the health and safety of clients and employees as well as to avoid any outbreak in a golf facility. **Let's be collectively responsible.**

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