

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESTRICTIONS EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Overview

The Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) permits in-scope businesses/entities/organizers¹ to implement a screening program for their patrons and to operate without the majority of public health restrictions in [CMOH Order 44-2021](#), as amended by [CMOH Order 47-2021](#), and [CMOH Order 53-2021](#), if implemented in alignment with this document and [CMOH Order 54-2021](#). This document has been developed to support the implementation of the necessary requirements to qualify for the exemption.

In-scope businesses/entities/organizers who implement REP must continue to apply indoor masking and other requirements outlined in [CMOH Order 54-2021](#). Out-of-scope businesses/entities/organizers for REP, as listed in the appendix, are not exempt from public health restrictions even if they decide individually to introduce additional requirements for entry. There is a chart of the in-scope and out-of-scope businesses/entities/organizers in the appendix of this document.

REP is an optional program, and businesses/entities/organizers who choose not to participate are required to implement all of the public health restrictions outlined in [CMOH Order 44-2021](#), as amended by [CMOH Order 47-2021](#), and [CMOH Order 53-2021](#).

REP is not intended or required for employees or contractors attending workplaces. Operators are strongly encouraged to promote COVID-19 vaccination to staff, volunteers, attendees and other eligible persons as part of their public health strategy, and any vaccine requirements for staff is an employer decision.

Good public health practices are always encouraged, and can minimize transmission of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, influenza and common colds. These practices include: immunization, proper hand washing or use of hand sanitizer, respiratory etiquette, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting. In addition, staying home when sick with COVID-19 symptoms is legally required even if a test is not done.

This document and the guidance within it is subject to change and will be updated as needed.

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¹ Examples of entities/organizers may include not for profit organizations, municipalities, or community groups, as long as there is a responsible party overseeing the Restrictions Exemption Program.

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Terms Used in this Document

- 1) Operators
 - Those who are responsible for the operations of a business/entity
- 2) Facilities
 - A building or room provided for a particular purpose, including multi-use buildings and rental spaces
- 3) Youth
 - A person under 18 years of age
- 4) Renters
 - Those who rent space in a building
- 5) Attendees
 - Patrons or individuals attending the business/entity/activity; does not include employees or contractors in the space
- 6) Performance activities
 - Singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, acting or other activities of a similar nature and includes, but is not limited to, a rehearsal, concert, theatre, dance, choral, festival, musical and symphony events
- 7) Physical activities
 - A fitness activity or sport activity
- 8) Recreation activities
 - Any structured or organised activity or program where the purpose of the activity or program is intended to develop a skill, including but not limited to Girl Guides, Scouts, choir, arts and crafts, pottery or other substantially similar activities
- 9) Curriculum activities
 - Activities that are part of the K-12 school curriculum

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PROGRAM DETAILS

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operators participating in REP must implement their program in alignment with applicable Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Orders and this guidance document, unless otherwise noted.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Operators are able to implement more restrictive measures, but not less restrictive measures.• Individuals under the age of 12 are out-of-scope for REP requirements (i.e. are not required to be screened for entry/participation in REP facilities/activities).• Masks are required in all indoor public spaces, in accordance with the applicable CMOH Orders (either CMOH Order 44-2021 or CMOH Order 54-2021, depending on whether the facility is participating in REP).• Individuals who have COVID-19 core symptoms or who are a confirmed case of COVID-19 must isolate, in accordance with CMOH Order 39-2021.• Operators should review the general mitigation for COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses guidance document and are encouraged to implement public health measures that are applicable to their settings.• At minimum, operators participating in REP should clearly communicate to the public/clients/staff that they are participating in the program and the requirements to enter/receive services.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Posters are available on alberta.ca/COVID19.
Screening Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendees must maintain 2 metres of physical distance from individuals in other households² until they have been screened into a facility/activity participating in REP.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Staff/contractors/etc. must also maintain 2 metres of physical distance from attendees until screening has been completed.• At minimum, the screening process must be implemented for all persons 12 years and 10 weeks of age and older, screening for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The name and the date of birth of the individual listed on the proof of immunization, testing, or medical exception, and for individuals 18 years of age or older, a matching name and date of birth on the individual's identification documents.○ Verification of one of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Proof of vaccination; or▪ Proof of a negative privately-paid test result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours, or

² a household is either: the individuals who all consistently reside in the same residence OR an individual who lives alone and their 2 close contacts.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An original (non-copied) medical exception letter. • Individuals 18 years or older must also produce valid personal identification as defined in the personal ID section below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individuals who are under the age of 18 do not need to show personal identification. • Individuals who recently turned 12 years old are permitted to enter REP facilities for the 10-week period after their birthday without being fully vaccinated. This 10-week period is to provide adequate time for the youth to receive both COVID-19 vaccinations. • An individual entering an out-of-scope facility, or a REP facility for the sole purpose of participating in an out-of-scope activity, is not required to be screened. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In these situations, individuals must follow applicable public health measures. ○ An out-of-scope facility or a facility offering out-of-scope activities can choose to implement their own vaccination screening program; however, the applicable public health measures must continue to be followed for out-of-scope activities, even if screening is done.
<p>What is valid proof of vaccination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptable forms of proof of vaccination are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Valid Government of Alberta (GOA) vaccination record with a QR Code, or ○ A picture or paper record of a valid First Nations immunization record prominently displaying the name of the recipient, type of vaccine and date of administration, or ○ Canadian Armed Forces immunization record, displaying the name of the recipient, type of vaccine and date of administration with a QR Code, or ○ An immunization record from another Canadian province or territory, displaying the name of the recipient, type of vaccine, date of administration, and valid QR code. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Note: the AB COVID Records Verifier application is capable of authenticating a QR code issued by another Canadian Province or Territory. • The attendee is solely responsible for demonstrating that they are the legitimate holder of the vaccination record, and that the information provided is complete and accurate. • The operators must make a reasonable attempt to assess the validity of the proof of vaccination/test result/medical exception of each attendee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entry must be denied if the vaccination record/test result/medical exception and ID cannot be verified.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any suspected falsified vaccination record should be reported to local law enforcement. • Operators must verify that the date of administration of the last required dose in the series is at least 14 days prior to the date the attendee is seeking access. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two doses of a two-dose series are required, with the second at least 14 days prior. ○ The Janssen vaccine is the only Health Canada approved vaccine that requires only a single dose for a complete series. If an individual has received one dose of a Janssen vaccine at least 14 days prior, this would be sufficient proof of vaccination. ○ Mixed vaccine series are considered valid (e.g., AstraZeneca followed by Pfizer or Moderna). • For international travellers, a valid immunization record displaying the name of the recipient, type of vaccine, and date of administration, and a valid international travel identification document (e.g., passport) is acceptable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two doses of a World Health Organization approved two-dose series are required, with the second dose given at least 14 days prior, or one dose of the Janssen vaccine given at least 14 days prior, would be sufficient proof of vaccination. ○ Two dose World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccines include Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Serum Institute of India (Covishield), Bharat Biotech (Covaxin), Sinopharm (BBIBP-CorV), and Sinovac (CoronaVac). Janssen is the only one-dose World Health Organization approved vaccine.
<p>What is valid proof of a negative test result</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written or printed copy of a negative Health Canada approved, or lab accredited, rapid antigen, rapid PCR, or lab based PCR test is required for entry. • A self-test completed offsite and/or self-produced documentation of a negative result is not sufficient evidence to support entry into a facility/activity participating in REP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes self-tests conducted by the individual under virtual or remote supervision of a trained individual. • Testing <u>must not</u> be sourced from the Alberta Health Services public COVID-19 testing system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This system is currently reserved for symptomatic individuals and those in outbreak situations. If an individual has COVID-19 symptoms, they must isolate, regardless of vaccination status. • Operators are permitted to offer on-site rapid testing.

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- It is recommended that operators seek expert advice including medical oversight prior to implementing their own rapid test program.
 - If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, that individual must isolate, per [CMOH Order 06-2021](#) and [CMOH Order 39-2021](#).
 - Most rapid tests do not have paper-based results.
 - Businesses that implement a rapid testing program (for the purposes of immediate entry) should not provide written confirmation of a negative test result unless being implemented by a regulated and competent health professional. However, a business may allow entry to that individual for up to 72 hours after the negative result was obtained.
- Documentation of a negative Health Canada approved, or lab accredited, rapid antigen, rapid PCR, or lab based PCR test completed offsite must include:
 - A clear indication of the laboratory or the health care professional that completed the test (e.g., DynaLIFE);
 - The type of test;
 - Time of sample collection; and
 - Clear indication of a negative result.
 - If the result of a rapid test has been verified by a health care professional, the written record should include the name, phone number, contact information, professional registration number, and signature of the physician or nurse practitioner.
 - A picture or written documentation of an off-site rapid test other than what is noted above is not sufficient evidence for entry.
- Operators may implement programs that include rapid testing completed offsite for purposes of entry to their location, which should ensure the integrity of the results and reporting is congruent with an onsite program and the operators maintain quality control and assurance oversight.
- Individuals must not bring completed rapid tests or self-tests to operators, as they can pose a communicable disease risk during transportation.
- Only a regulated health care professional, acting within their scope of practice (in accordance with the College's Standards of Practice), or an accredited laboratory may provide written diagnostic confirmation of point of care or rapid test results to an individual for the purposes of REP.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any suspected falsified COVID-19 test result should be reported to local law enforcement.
<p>What is a valid medical exception</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A valid medical exception is the original signed letter from a physician or nurse practitioner that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name of the person in the written documentation that matches the identification provided. The physician or nurse practitioner’s complete information, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, phone number, contact information, professional registration number, and signature of the physician or nurse practitioner; Statement that there is a medical reason for the individual’s exception from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and The period of time during which the exception is valid.
<p>What is a valid Personal ID</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who are 18 years of age or older must present personal ID as part of the screening process. Proof of identity can be established using documentation issued by a certain institutions or public bodies, provided it includes the name of the holder and date of birth. The following identification documents may be used to confirm the identity of the holder of the vaccine record, negative COVID-19 test result or valid medical exemption letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth certificate; Citizenship card; Driver’s licence; Provincial or Territorial Government issued identification card, including health card (Alberta or other); Métis card, Treaty card, Inuit Status card; Passport; or Permanent Resident card. Photo identification is not required.
<p>Collecting and Storing Personal Health information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operators that offer memberships or subscriptions for entry (e.g., a fitness facility) may verify the vaccination status (with an acceptable proof of vaccination, as outlined above) of an individual one time to allow repeat access to the facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operators should obtain legal advice about collecting and maintaining a list of individuals that can enter and re-enter a facility (e.g., so that repeat clients do not need to show proof of vaccination each time).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal health information including a copy of a person's vaccine record must not be stored onsite; operators are encouraged to obtain legal advice on collecting and storing health information. ○ An operator that has previously implemented a one-time proof of vaccination check should ensure that the proof of vaccination previously verified by the operator meets the current requirements of REP (e.g., valid GOA Vaccination QR Code and not a form of proof of vaccination which is no longer valid). ○ Operators must ensure there are appropriate processes and procedures in place to prevent fraud or misuse of a one-time verification of proof of vaccination.
Participation and application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators may implement a program that is more restrictive than outlined above. • Once the program is implemented, unless an out-of-scope activity is offered, REP must be operated consistently for daily operations and throughout the facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is not permitted to have the program operate some days and not others, certain times during a business day and not others, or in some areas and not others. ○ Operators must not implement or de-escalate REP gradually over time. • Operators that wish to exit the program should notify their attendees through posters, online information, or any other appropriate mechanism.
Workers, contractors, staff etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees, contractors, repair workers, delivery workers, volunteers, inspectors or others who are entering the business/entity/event for work purposes and not as patrons are not required to be screened.
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators will be audited for compliance. Alberta Health Services, Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis, and law enforcement agencies in Alberta are able to enforce this program. • Additionally, public complaints will support increased compliance auditing. • If operators are not complying with these requirements or the current public health restrictions, then enforcement and prosecution may result in fines up to \$100,000 (for a first offence).

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

<p>General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth activities are out of scope for REP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the purposes of this program, a youth is someone who is under the age of 18 and youth activities are when all participants are under the age of 18 (excluding coaches/trainers/instructors). ○ A solo/individual activity or an activity done with their household is not considered an out-of-scope youth activity. These scenarios are in-scope for REP requirements (i.e., screening for proof of vaccination/negative test result/medical exception). • It is not required to screen youth participating in youth activities for proof of vaccine/negative COVID-19 test results/medical exception letter to participate in these activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ However, an operator may choose to screen these individuals in alignment with a local policy if they wish. • If one or more of the participants (other than a coach/trainer/instructor, referee or other officials) are 18 years or older, the activity is no longer a youth activity, and all participants aged at least 12 years and 10 weeks, must meet the requirements of REP to continue. • Per CMOH Order 44-2021, a youth must be checked for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the youth participating in indoor youth activities in accordance with the COVID-19 Alberta health Daily Checklist (for children under the age of 18).
<p>Youth Participation in Youth Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For youth performance and physical activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Masks are not required during physical activity or when showering, but must be worn before and after. ○ Masks must be worn whenever possible during performance activities, as well as before and after. ○ Physical distancing is required at all other times when not engaged in physical activity or performance activity (e.g., locker rooms, washrooms, common areas etc.). • For youth recreation activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Masks must be worn at all times before, during and after the activity, in accordance with CMOH Order 44-2021. ○ Physical distancing is required at all times before, during and after the activity (e.g., locker rooms, common areas etc.). • If a youth over 12 years and 10 weeks of age is participating in an adult REP activity, they are subject to REP requirements.
<p>Coaches, Trainers, Instructors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches/instructors/trainers, referees and similar are required to wear masks, in accordance with the relevant CMOH Orders (either CMOH

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	<p>Order 44-2021 or CMOH Order 54-2021, depending on whether the facility is participating in REP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Swimming coaches/instructors/trainers are not required to mask when entering a pool or other large body of water. ● Coaches/instructors/trainers, referees and similar who are 18 years or older are subject to the public health measures or REP requirements in the facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If a youth is coaching an adult in a facility participating in REP, the youth must follow the requirements of REP. ○ If a youth is coaching other youths in a facility participating in REP, this remains a youth activity. ● Coaches/instructors/trainers must maintain 2 metres of physical distance from the activity participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physical distancing may be temporarily breached for instructional or safety purposes.
<p>Youth in a REP Facility, not in Youth Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If youth aged 12 years and 10 weeks to 17 years wish to access other amenities beyond their specific youth activity in a facility participating in REP, they will be required to be screened per REP. ● A youth is permitted to watch other youth activities in the facility as a spectator; however, those over 12 years and 10 weeks are subject to REP requirements to do so. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes watching family members or friends, but does not include youth who are on the bench watching their team as part of their youth activity. ● For more clarity, if they are not actively participating in the youth activity, attendees over 12 years and 10 weeks must follow REP requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth who have been screened into REP are not required to physically distance.
<p>Adults Supporting Youth Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adults who are required to support youth in their activities must follow REP requirements in order to participate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes being screened in for REP, as applicable. ○ These situations include parent and tot classes and similar activities where an adult is required for the youth to participate in the activity. ● Adults required to support youth in their activities in a facility that has implemented REP must maintain 2 metres physical distancing from other participating youth who are not part of their household. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whenever possible, distancing should be maintained between households and coaches/instructors/trainers.

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<p>Spectating and Youth/School (K-12) Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If in a facility where REP has been implemented, all spectators are required to follow REP requirements, even if watching a youth activity. • Spectators must wear masks at all times in indoor venues, in accordance with the applicable CMOH Order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Masks may be temporarily removed while seated in the stands or spectator seating area to eat or drink (e.g., when taking a sip or bite). ○ Spectators must spend as little time as possible unmasked.
<p>Activities for School, K-12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in K-12 are not required to be fully vaccinated to participate in curriculum-based activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School groups accessing facilities under REP (for the purposes of K-12 curriculum) are not required to be screened as part of REP. ○ However, facilities may have their own requirements for entry. • Extra-curricular activities in a school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School authorities have the option of implementing REP for spectators attending extra-curricular activities in a school. If they opt not to implement REP, these settings are subject to the restrictions in Order 44-2021, as amended by Order 47-2021 and Order 53-2021. ○ Participation in REP will be optional and school authorities may shift between REP and non-REP activities as required, provided there is no overlap between attendees of the two activities and screening ○ Students participating in these activities are out of scope of REP while students attending as spectators would be in scope. • Extra-curricular activities in any REP facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individuals attending extra-curricular activities are subject to REP requirements of the facility.

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MULTI-USE FACILITIES AND RECREATION CENTRES

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If REP is implemented in a facility:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The operators of all areas/entities within that facility must implement REP, unless the activity/entity is out-of-scope (e.g., retail or youth activities). All renters must also implement REP, unless the activity is out of scope.○ If there is a single point of entry into a multi-use facility that contains in-scope services or locations (e.g., group fitness, entertainment) and out-of-scope entities (e.g., retail), and it is not possible to screen people only at the entry point of in-scope areas, all individuals entering the multi-use facility at that single point of entry must be screened in accordance with REP in order for the in-scope locations to participate in REP.• If REP is not implemented in a facility:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Public health measures must be followed at all times (outlined in CMOH Order 44-2021).○ The facility operators may allow any eligible businesses or entities renting space within the facility to participate in REP; however, the space where REP is in place must be fully self-contained from the point of screening onwards. This means separate amenities and no mingling with non-REP individuals.
Renting Out Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If REP is implemented in a facility:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Unless hosting an out-of-scope activity, all renters must participate in REP;○ Renters are required to have a responsible person to ensure the requirements of REP are followed;○ The facility's operator is required to ensure the renters are adhering to the requirements of this document; and○ The facility's operator is responsible for screening.• If REP is not implemented in a facility, their operator is still responsible for ensuring the renters are aware of the need to adhere to public health orders or the requirements of the REP, should the renter choose to implement the REP.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If the renters implement the REP, they must strictly adhere to CMOH Order 54-2021 and the requirements of this document.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ This includes the screening of the attendees.○ The facility's operator is responsible for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ensuring the renters are adhering to the REP requirements of this document; or

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring public health restrictions (outlined in CMOH Order 44-2021 as amended by CMOH Order 47-2021, and CMOH Order 53-2021) in the rest of their facility, where the REP is not implemented.
Out-of-Scope Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-of-scope activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth activities, mutual support groups, elections and jury selection, retail, childcare, libraries, personal and wellness services, health services and K-12 curriculum activities. • Out-of-Scope activities/entities are required to follow public health restrictions, such as capacity limits and physical distancing (outlined in CMOH Order 44-2021 as amended by CMOH Order 47-2021, and CMOH Order 53-2021). • To the greatest extent possible, these activities should have a separate entrance/exit from the rest of the facility. • Individuals accessing these activities/entities are not required follow the requirements of the REP. • If individuals who gained access to participate in an out-of-scope activity wish to access other, in-scope amenities in a facility participating in REP, they are required to be screened per REP, as applicable (12 years and 10 weeks of age or older).
Spectating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If in a facility where REP has been implemented, all spectators are required to follow REP requirements, even if watching a youth activity. • Spectators must wear masks at all times in indoor venues, in accordance with the applicable CMOH Order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Masks may be temporarily removed while seated in the stands/spectator seating to eat or drink. ○ Spectators must spend as little time as possible unmasked. • More information on concessions is available in the Food/Beverage Serving Entities section of this document.
Multi-Use Facilities with In & Outdoor Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an entire in/outdoor facility is implementing REP, the entire in/outdoor facility must follow the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operators must restrict access to the public and follow the REP requirements for all settings (excluding out-of-scope activities/settings); and ○ Out-of-scope activities/entities must follow to public health requirements outlined in CMOH Order 44-2021 as amended by CMOH Order 47-2021, and CMOH Order 53-2021) (e.g., retail, rental facilities).
Ski Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ski hill/resort that chooses to implement REP must implement it for all indoor areas of the ski hill/resort, including food service venues, indoor

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	<p>amenities, retail and rental businesses/entities, and enclosed chair lifts or gondolas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If implementing REP, the operator must check attendees for proof of vaccination/test result/medical exception before entering any indoor amenity, enclosed chair lift or gondola.• A ski hill/resort that implements REP indoors is not required to implement REP for access to its outdoor amenities (e.g., ski hills, cross-country ski trails), but may choose to do so.• Individuals at a ski hill/resort are not required to physically distance on open-air chair lifts, regardless of REP participation.• If a ski hill/resort implements REP, there is no requirement for individuals to physically distance on enclosed chair lifts or gondolas.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ski hills/resorts that do not implement REP must enforce two metres physical distancing on enclosed chair lifts and gondolas, as well as all other indoor and outdoor amenities.• Masking is required for individuals in all indoor areas, enclosed chair lifts and gondolas, regardless of whether REP is implemented.
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RENTAL SPACES & SPACES AFTER OPERATING HOURS

<p>General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators participating in REP that provide rental spaces to others must ensure their renters are aware of and adhere to the REP requirements in this document and the applicable CMOH Orders. • If the operator is participating in REP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All renters must participate in REP and are responsible for screening their attendees; ○ Renters are required to have a responsible person to ensure the requirements of REP are followed; and ○ The facility operators are required to ensure the renters are adhering to the requirements of this document. • Operators not participating in REP that rent out space to other groups (for private events) are responsible for ensuring the renter is aware of the need to adhere to public health orders unless the renter implements the REP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the renters implement REP, they must strictly adhere to the requirements of this document. ○ The operator is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring the renter is adhering to REP requirements of this document; and ▪ Ensuring public health restrictions (outlined in CMOH Order 44-2021 as amended by CMOH Order 47-2021, and CMOH Order 53-2021) in the rest of their facility, where REP is not implemented. • Short-term paid entry markets, tradeshow, and similar events are eligible for REP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short-term paid entry markets includes artisan/craft fairs, automotive shows, gun shows, etc. ○ Membership-based brick and mortar retail (e.g., Costco) are not eligible for REP.
<p>Using space in Out-of-Scope locations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities that are out-of-scope of REP, such as libraries/schools/retail, are permitted to use or rent space for REP-eligible events after their normal operating hours. • Places of worship should refer to their specific section.
<p>Private Passenger Vehicles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private passenger vehicles rented by an individual/group for an event/activity (e.g., party buses, chartered buses) and other similar forms of transportation are eligible for REP. • This also includes privately-operated, scheduled bus lines. • Public transit, including municipal buses, taxis, paid ride sharing and other similar forms of transit are not eligible for REP.

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FOOD/BEVERAGE SERVING ENTITIES

<p>General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food/Beverage Serving Entities are permitted to participate in REP, but must apply the REP requirements to the whole dining area or facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specifically, restaurants that have implemented REP program must apply the program to the entire area of food service, both inside and outside (i.e., cannot have indoor dining for vaccinated individuals and outdoor dining for non-vaccinated individuals). • Screening must be done at the point of entry for restaurants, pubs, bars, cafes and similar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See Quick Service Restaurants and Retail Services with In-Person Dining sections for the exception. • Attendees who are dining-in must only remove their masks to eat or drink when seated (with or without a table), or standing at a standing table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If they are sitting/standing at their table talking after their food/beverage, they should have their mask on.
<p>Delivery, Pick-Up, Take Out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals entering a facility participating in REP for delivery, pick-up, or take out are not required to show their proof of vaccination, if the items are collected at the point of screening. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All individuals entering for this purpose must wear their mask the entire time they are in the facility and maintain 2 metres physical distancing from all other persons.
<p>Quick Service Restaurants and Retail Services with In-Person Dining</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If participating in REP, quick service restaurants and retail services with in-person dining are permitted to serve attendees both take out or in-person. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes fast food locations, breweries/tap rooms, and similar. • These locations are permitted to screen for proof of vaccination at the point of sale (e.g., at the counter) to permit in-person dining rather than at the point of entry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendees intending to dine-in must be screened when they order. • All attendees must be physically distanced by 2 metres, wearing masks, and following all applicable public health measures outside of the dining area. • If participating in REP, dining areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must have restricted points of entry to ensure only patrons who have provided the necessary documentation may access the indoor dining; and ○ Must ensure that all attendees dining-in wear a mask when not at their table (e.g., sitting) and eating or drinking.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attendees who are purchasing items and leaving must follow all public health measures.Attendees who do not show proof of vaccine must only be provided take out service.Quick service restaurants and retail food services not participating in REP are not permitted to have indoor dining and must follow all applicable public health measures.
Concessions and Spectator Seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Concessions are permitted to operate in REP facilities.Masks must be worn to purchase the food and beverages, as well as walking to and from the seating area.Food and beverages must not be consumed on the concourse/common area, unless the individual is seated or at a standing table.Masks may be temporarily removed while seated in the stands/spectator seating to eat or drink.Spectators must spend as little time as possible unmasked.
Food Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Food Court seating areas are eligible for the REP as long as the area is completely self-contained from the point of screening onwards. For greater clarity, this means all entry points must have controlled access where screening of attendees is undertaken prior to entry.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular faith services at places of worship are out-of-scope for REP.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ These services are limited to 1/3 fire code capacity and all attendees must physically distance and mask.• Places of worship are permitted to implement REP:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ for other activities that are not related to a regular faith service (e.g., prayer groups, communal meals).○ to rent space for REP-eligible events outside regular faith service hours.○ for weddings and funerals services and receptions.○ If a place of worship does not implement REP for these activities/events, they must follow applicable public health orders.• Attendees at places of worship must mask at all times in accordance with the relevant public health order, whether attending a REP-eligible event or regular faith service.• Adult group performances (e.g., choir) that are required for faith purposes are permitted.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Masking is recommended, but not required, for people participating in performance activities as part of a faith service (e.g., choir members).○ If congregational singing or chanting occurs, masking and distancing remains mandatory.• If food/drink rituals are required as part of a faith service, attendees are permitted to temporarily remove their masks temporarily for the ritual consumption of food or drink.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ An indoor communal meal is not permitted as part of regular faith service.
Youth Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no restriction on youth group performance in places of worship.• Youth faith activities are out of scope for REP. Refer to the Youth Activities section for more information.

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APPENDIX: IN-SCOPE AND OUT-OF-SCOPE FOR REP

In Scope	Out of Scope
Restaurants and food courts with controlled access to the public	Events in private dwellings
Nightclubs	First responders attending for the purposes of responding to an emergency situation
Casinos, bingo halls, VLT lounges	Employees in/on a worksite for the purposes of their employment
Entertainment/rec centers, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bowling, racing entertainment, arcades, billiards halls, other similar entertainment Museums, art galleries 	Retail & shopping malls, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership-only retail stores
Movie theatres, concert halls and other substantially similar venues	Libraries, during normal operating hours
Spectators for school extra-curricular activities, K-12 including activities at a school or other facility, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports games and tournaments Concerts and performances Graduation and awards ceremonies 	Schools, K-12, school curriculum based activities, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/teacher interviews School council meetings School assemblies
Recreation facilities for physical activity, performance activity or recreational activity <i>excluding</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> youth physical activity, performance activity and recreational activity mutual support meetings jury selection/jury duty/trials elections purposes and related activities 	Students participating in school extra-curricular activities, K-12.
Conferences / meeting spaces / halls/rented space (excluding dwelling units) <i>excluding</i> :	Youth physical activity, performance activity and recreational activity, where all participants are under the age of 18.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mutual support meetings • places of worship – for faith services • jury selection/jury duty/trials • elections purposes and related activities 	
Weddings and funerals held in public facilities where the facility maintains responsibility for adherence to these requirements	Child care settings (e.g., daycare)
Spectator at a professional sport or performance activity	Shelters
Indoor adult sport and performance activities (participants and spectators)	Health services
Indoor or outdoor amenities at ski facilities (e.g. indoor or outdoor dining, retail and washrooms, enclosed gondolas, enclosed chair-lifts)	Accommodations (e.g., hotel)
Private social events held in public facilities where the facility maintains responsibility for adherence to these requirements	Professional services business or entity
Hotel and condo amenities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fitness rooms, pools • game rooms, movie rooms • other similar amenities 	Public transit – e.g. municipal busses, taxis, paid ride sharing and other similar forms of transit not chartered or operated by an eligible participant for a discretionary business, entity or event.
Short term paid-entry market and trade show events (e.g. artisan and craft fairs, automotive shows, gun shows and holiday markets)	Personal services
Adult recreational activities (e.g., classes, groups)	Wellness services
Private passenger vehicles	Mutual support meetings
	Jury selection
	Elections purposes and related activities
	Places of worship – for faith services