

PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH

Board of Health

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Section: Board of Health	Number: 2-220	Title: COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Board of Health Members
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to protect employees, volunteers and clients of Peterborough Public Health (PPH) from the transmission of COVID-19. The enhanced protection offered by high vaccination rates is demonstrated through evidence.

Policy Statement

The health and safety of those employed by PPH, those who occupy our building, and vulnerable populations who may be exposed to COVID-19 is a public health priority. PPH is committed to taking every reasonable precaution to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Vaccination is recognized as the most effective tool to limit transmission. It is therefore important that all those who enter our work premises or engage in the work of public health are vaccinated.

PROCEDURE:

1. Vaccination Requirement

All PPH Board Members are required to be fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 series by October 18, 2021. For a two-dose vaccine series, the first dose of vaccine must be received prior to September 18, 2021.

2. Proof of Vaccination

PPH Board Members will provide proof of vaccination to the Executive Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health by providing documentation that verifies receipt of vaccinations approved by Health Canada or the World Health Organization.

Any new appointees to the Board will be asked for information upon appointment.

PPH will retain vaccination disclosure information in accordance with privacy legislation. The information will only be used to the extent necessary for the implementation of this policy.

3. Non-Compliance

Board Members who do not provide proof of immunization will:

- i) be limited to virtual participation in Board or Committee Meetings;
- ii) be restricted from entering any PPH worksite (185 King St. or offsite); and
- iii) be restricted from participating in any in-person Board of Health events.

4. Continued Health and Safety Measures

Unless legislated or regulatory directions are revised, Board members are expected to continue to comply with applicable health and safety measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, including but not limited to screening, wearing a mask when two-metre distance cannot be maintained, and self-monitoring for symptoms.

5. Duration of Policy

This policy will be in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic, or until the risk of COVID-19 has decreased to an acceptable level as determined by the Medical Officer of Health.