

KING COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDER: VACCINE VERIFICATION

King has continued to have high levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, and increased deaths driven by the Delta variant. These cases and deaths can be prevented with vaccination. Therefore, Public Health – Seattle & King County Health Officer Dr. Jeff Duchin issued a Local Health Officer Order requiring verification of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test at certain indoor and outdoor events and establishments. Vaccination is our best tool against COVID-19.

The new policy includes the following:

Beginning October 25, 2021 customers will be required to show proof of FDA or WHO approved COVID-19 vaccination at:

- **Outdoor events** with 500 people or more (such as professional and collegiate sports and entertainment events)
- **Indoor recreational events or establishments** regardless of size (such as professional and collegiate sports, performing arts and live music venues, movie theaters, gyms, and conferences/conventions)
- **Restaurants and Bars.** This applies to indoor dining. It does not apply to outdoor dining, take-out customers, and places that are aren't primarily used for indoor dining such as grocery stores. The order gives the option for a longer preparation period for smaller restaurants and bars with a seating capacity of 12 or less, with a start date of December 6.

What is considered proof of vaccination?

- CDC COVID-19 vaccine record card or photo of vaccine card
- Printed certificate or QR code from [MyIRMobile.com](https://myirmobile.com)
- Other official immunization record from within or outside the U.S., including from your health care provider. A photo or photocopy of this card is also acceptable.

NOTE: Documentation of medical or religious exemptions **not** accepted. You do **not** need to show ID with proof of vaccination.

Options for unvaccinated or those unable to prove vaccine status

People who are unvaccinated or cannot prove vaccination status must show proof of a negative COVID-19 test done in the last 72 hours.

Establishments will be responsible for checking vaccination proof or negative test status. Public Health will work with partners to provide technical support and educational materials to businesses and organizations implementing the order.

Policy development

King County and Public Health created this policy in consultation with Public Health's Pandemic and Racism Community Advisory Group, cities, small businesses, chambers of commerce, labor unions, trade associations, sports teams, venues, community groups, faith-based leaders throughout the county. They aim to create that aims to be workable, fair, and equitable for businesses and residents.

For more information: kingcounty.gov/verify

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