

# Starting March 1, 2022

the vaccine verification policy in King County will no longer be in effect.

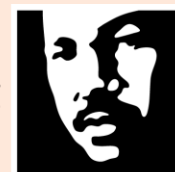


What does  
that mean?

Businesses will no longer be required to check proof of customers vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test, to enter restaurants and bars, indoor recreational events and establishments, or outdoor events.



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Why is this policy ending?

COVID-19 infection rates and hospitalizations are dropping

More people are now vaccinated and protected against COVID-19



Since this policy was adopted, the number of people fully vaccinated increased from 68% of the total population to now almost 80%

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The Omicron surge will also likely lead to some additional community immunity, at least for the short term.

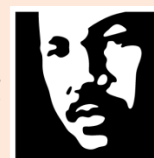


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Community immunity is when enough people in an area become immune to an infectious disease, making it harder for the infection to spread from person to person



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We are grateful to the King County businesses and community members that have complied with our vaccine verification policy and appreciate their continued efforts to help slow the spread.

For businesses, it is important to:

- Continue to improve ventilation
- Support vaccination for employees
- Encourage employees to stay home when sick
- Enforce indoor mask policies

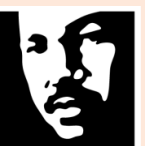


Businesses and organizations may still choose to implement their own vaccination verification policies



For individuals,  
it is important to:

- Get vaccinated and boosted when eligible
- Avoid crowded and poorly ventilated indoor spaces
- Use high-quality, well-fitting face masks
- Isolate away from others if you are ill





For individuals,  
it is important to:

Quarantine away from others if you are not up to date on your vaccinations and exposed to someone with COVID-19

Get tested when possible if you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19

Take extra precautions if you are immunocompromised

