

Simcoe-Muskoka-York Indigenous Health Circle

COVID-19 Vaccine Identification

Information for Indigenous Families



Examples of
identity
documents:

Status Card

Band
Membership
Card

Métis Citizen
Card

Land
Beneficiary
Card

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You can still
get the vaccine
if you don't
have one of
these
documents!

Contact your
local
Indigenous
service
organization
for support.

Who can get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Indigenous communities have been identified as a first priority group for COVID-19 vaccines. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit adults living in rural and urban areas are eligible to get the vaccine. The vaccine has not been approved for children but adults 16 years of age and older are able to get the vaccine.

Do I need to bring something to show I identify as Indigenous?

Yes. For the time being, it will be necessary to bring a form of ID that helps vaccine clinics to know you identify as Indigenous.

Why do I need to bring identification?

Right now, there are not enough vaccines for everyone in the public who wants a vaccine to get one. Indigenous communities have been identified as a high priority to get the vaccine. In order to make sure Indigenous community members can get the vaccines now, clinics will be requesting identification.

My spouse or partner is not Indigenous. Can they get the vaccine when I get mine?

Yes. Non-Indigenous partners of Indigenous family members living in the same household are eligible to get the vaccine. This is to make sure everyone living in the same home is protected.

I don't have one of the identifier documents you listed. Can I still get the vaccine?

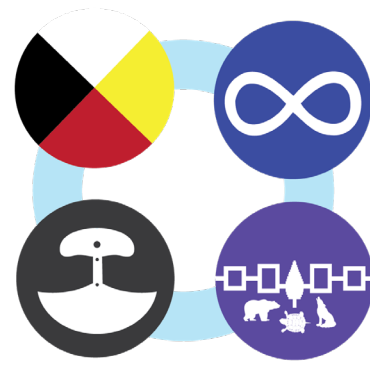
YES. Your local Indigenous service organization (e.g. Native Friendship Centre) can support you with documentation that will be accepted at the vaccine clinic.

Contact your organization for support today.



Will I be able to get support at the vaccine clinic?

We are working hard to make sure that support for Indigenous community members is available at the vaccine clinics. Support can include navigators, greeters, and other support persons.



I feel uncomfortable about the identity requirement. What can I do?

Having to show an identity document to access a service can be frustrating or triggering for some people. If you have questions or feel uncomfortable, contact your local Indigenous service organization. Sharing with a family member, Elder, or another trusted member of the community is also helpful.

Organization	Contact
Enaahtig Healing Lodge and Learning Centre	705-534-3724
Orillia Native Women’s Group	705-329-7755
Georgian Bay Métis Council	705-526-6335
Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women’s Circle	705-326-3900
Georgian Bay Native Women’s Association	705-527-7043
Barrie Native Friendship Centre	705-721-7689
Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre	705-526-5589
Mamaway Wiidokdaadwin Primary Care Team	Barrie: 705-721-9554 Orillia: 705-259-9520
S.U.N Housing	705-737-3532

