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To: District Chairs, CCHL, EOJHL, NCJHL, SHEO, Special Hockey

CC: HEO Board of Directors, HEO Staff

From: HEO RTH Implementation Task Team

Date: January 31, 2022

Re: **Update to the HEO Return to Hockey Framework and the HEO COVID-19 Vaccine Policy**

Today the HEO Board of Directors passed amendments to the HEO Return to Hockey Framework and the HEO COVID-19 Vaccine Policy. The changes are to bring these documents in line with the current Province of Ontario legislation which requires all participants 12 years of age or older entering a Recreational Facility to provide a Government issued enhanced COVID-19 vaccine certificate (with an official QR code) as proof of vaccination (in digital or printed format), along with identification showing a person's name and date of birth.

If applicable, the official QR code must contain a Province of Ontario approved exemption. An exemption can only be provided by the Province of Ontario and in coordination with a local Public Health Unit.

A proof of vaccine requirement is Provincially legislated and if an individual requires an exemption, they will need to request such from the Province of Ontario. No exemption letter or note will be accepted.

Teams will be required to re-verify the COVID-19 vaccination status of members and participants by using the enhanced COVID-19 vaccine certificate with QR code and record that verification has been achieved. This re-verification will need to be completed prior to a team's first session coming out of the pause on February 1, 2022. Facility operators may also pass this task on to contract holders.

Association, District, League, Team designated Safety Officers, as applicable, must download and use the Verify Ontario mobile app to scan and confirm that an individual's QR code meets the Ontario government's requirements for entry into recreation and sports facilities, which may also be in accordance with contract holder agreements. [Download the Verify Ontario mobile app](#)