Alberta

## App to scan COVID-19 vaccine QR codes now available

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The government-supported verification app to check proof of vaccination with a QR code is now available for download.

Businesses and organizations can begin using the free AB Covid Records Verifier app to quickly and easily confirm their patrons' vaccination status. The AB Covid Records Verifier app is available for download on <u>Apple</u> and <u>Android</u> devices through the respective app stores.

Albertans can get their enhanced vaccine record with a QR code online at alberta.ca/CovidRecords without creating an account.

When a valid QR code is scanned, a green check mark will verify the proof of vaccination. It will also display a person's name and date of birth, which businesses are asked to check against other identification. The app does not store any personal information and does not require an internet connection to operate once downloaded.

The QR code contains a secure digital signature that verifies it's provided by Alberta Health and it is extremely hard to forge. The same technology is used for secure transactions in the banking system and other industries. If a person does not meet the vaccination requirement set in the Restrictions Exemption Program or if the QR code is tampered with, the record will show as invalid when scanned.

Albertans can request a printed proof of vaccination with a QR code from a local registry agent office or by calling 811, at no cost. Other forms of proof of vaccination will continue to be accepted until Nov. 15, including paper records from vaccine providers or a screenshot, or a printed record from <u>alberta.ca/CovidRecords</u> or MyHealthRecords.

## **Related information**

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## **Media inquiries**

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## **Quick facts**

- Businesses are asked to check for a valid ID that matches the vaccine record for adults 18 and older with any type of proof of vaccination.
- QR codes should not be shared on social media as they show date of birth and full name, in addition to verifying the proof of vaccination, when scanned. The QR code is not connected to any other health or personal information.
- Creating or using a false vaccination record is an offence subject to prosecution and/or fines of up to \$100,000 for a first-time offence.
- If there are issues scanning a QR code from your phone, zoom in on the code and increase the brightness. The QR code may not scan properly if the printing size is reduced or the paper copy is wrinkled. Do not fold a paper copy across the QR code.
- Albertans, including children turning 12 years and older, will need to enter the month and year of vaccination of any dose, Alberta Personal Health Number and date of birth to access their proof of vaccination with a QR code through alberta.ca/CovidRecords.
- Anyone who has missing or incorrect information on their vaccine record or has issues accessing it, can go to alberta.ca/CovidRecordsHelp.
- Businesses experiencing issues with the app can contact the support line at 1-888-527-1224 or email covid19record@gov.ab.ca.