



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

Information on public access to the House of Commons and COVID-19 measures

Public access to the House of Commons precinct has been reinstated, including access to:

- the public gallery in the Chamber
- committee meeting rooms
- guided tours (see [Visit Canada's Parliament](#) for the latest information)

Masks

Until further notice, the use of masks is mandatory within the House of Commons precinct until June 23, 2022.

Guests and visitors must wear a mask or face covering in the House of Commons precinct at all times, with the following exceptions:

- A person who needs to temporarily remove the mask / face covering to consume food or drink.
- A person who is unable to put on or remove the mask / face covering without the assistance of another person.
- A person who has a medical condition that precludes the safe wearing of a mask / face covering.

Please note that a mask or face covering is also required for Members and their staff, political research office employees, House Administration employees, and members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, with the exceptions noted above and as follows:

- In the Chamber and committee rooms when Members are at their place during parliamentary proceedings. However, it is strongly recommended that Members wear a mask / face covering when they are at their place during parliamentary proceedings.
- For Members and other individuals participating in a press conference, including scrums, where two-metre physical distancing is possible and observed.
- At workstations / desks in Members' offices and House Administration offices where two-metre physical distancing is possible and observed.

Proof of vaccination

As per a [decision](#) by the Board of Internal Economy, up to and including June 19, 2022, all individuals 12 years of age or older wishing to enter the Parliamentary Precinct must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19*. Supporting documents will be required upon entry.

Visitors from Canada

Visitors from Canada must present an enhanced vaccine certificate (QR code) and government-issued identification (with date of birth). Documentation can be displayed on a mobile device or printed and will be scanned using the [Verify Ontario mobile app](#).

Visitors from outside Canada

Visitors from outside Canada who do not have access to an enhanced vaccine certificate (QR code) that can be scanned using the [Verify Ontario mobile app](#) must present a valid passport and the following documentation**:

- Official certificates, passes, cards, receipts, or confirmations showing any first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine received (QR codes alone will not be accepted).

The document must show as text:

- the person's name
- the name of the government or organization who administered the vaccine
- the brand name or any other information that identifies the vaccine(s)
- the date(s) the person received the vaccine(s)

All proof of vaccination must be in English, French, or a certified translation into English or French.

Other precautions

The health and safety of all individuals entering the House of Commons precinct remains a priority. Anyone who is experiencing [cold, flu or COVID-like symptoms](#) is reminded not to access the House of Commons precinct. Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who is experiencing these symptoms must follow the [public health guidance for close contacts](#) to determine if they need to isolate.

*A person is considered fully immunized 14 days after receiving the recommended number of doses of a vaccine or combination of vaccines approved by Health Canada.

**The documentation required for visitors from outside Canada who do not have access to an enhanced vaccine certificate (QR code) that can be scanned using the [Verify Ontario mobile app](#) must meet the [Government of Canada's requirements for COVID-19 vaccinated travellers](#).