



## Covid-19 Vaccination Policy

### Introduction:

Vaccines are a safe and reliable way to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and protect you, your family, and your teammates from the virus to safely resume normal activities. COVID-19 vaccines do not cause a viral infection, but rather builds your immunity so that your body is better able to fight off the virus if it affects you. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit [www.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines](http://www.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines) or the website for Peterborough Public Health Unit (PPH). [Peterborough Public Health](#).

There are currently four vaccines approved by Health Canada:

- Moderna
- AstraZeneca
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
- Pfizer-BioNTech

Dragon Boat Canada (DBC) has a responsibility to take all steps necessary to ensure the safety of members in both sanctioned activities and events. In addition, Survivors Abreast has a responsibility to ensure the safety of its team members and to take all steps necessary in Covid-19 Risk Mitigation.

### Purpose:

To provide guidance to ensure a safe return to dragon boat practice and in-person team activities, in accordance with Government and Public Health policy and guidelines. Should individuals have questions about their specific scenario not covered by this policy, individuals should seek guidance from their Primary Care Practitioner. Survivors Abreast, as all DBC affiliated Clubs or Teams, are required to implement a policy pertaining to vaccination status of their athletes.

### Definitions:

**All Participants** – refers to Survivors Abreast members or prospective members, coaches, boat operators, spotters, steerspersons and drummers wishing to participate in Survivors Abreast practices, regattas or in-person activities.

**Fully vaccinated** – based on the Ministry of Health, an individual is considered fully vaccinated in Ontario if they have received:

- The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines,
- One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or
- Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and
- They received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.

**Health Canada Approved** – a vaccine that is Health Canada approved has been sanctioned by the national body and found, through independent and thorough scientific review, to be safe, effective and high quality.

**Scope:** All participants

**Objectives:** To ensure the safety of team members and to take all steps necessary in Covid -19 risk mitigation.

**Procedures:**

**General:**

- All participants are expected to follow local guidance pertaining to the management of COVID-19 transmission including, but not limited to, active screening, isolation requirements, and hygiene/cleaning protocols.
- All participants are expected to report any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection, and follow any direction including, but not limited to, self-isolation and notification of relevant parties.

**Specific:**

Vaccination:

- Prior to participation in dragon boat activities where participants are <2m apart, including but not limited to, practices and competition, all participants are expected to attest to being fully vaccinated.
- Participants may be asked to provide proof of vaccination, in addition to attestation
- Participants who are unwilling, or unable, to attest to – or provide proof of – being fully vaccinated will be treated as unvaccinated, which may result in being unable to engage in dragon boat activities locally or nationally, sanctioned or not.

**This policy will remain in place until it is able to be removed according to the Ministry of Health.**

**Related Documents:**

- Dragon Boat Canada Vaccination policy

History:	Date	Comments:
Original Policy:	July 2021	
Amendment:	October 13, 2021	To include updated wording provided by Peterborough Public Health
Amendment:		