

## BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

The public health order, issued by Boston Public Health Commission, **is effective beginning on Saturday, January 15**, on a rolling basis by age group. The City of Boston is implementing this requirement to increase vaccination rates and protect Boston's communities.

- Through an [order from the Boston Public Health Commission](#), the City of Boston will require individuals to show proof of vaccination to enter certain indoor spaces:
  - Indoor dining, including bars and nightclubs
  - Indoor fitness
  - Indoor Entertainment venues
  
- To enter one of the establishments covered by the order, you will need to show that you are vaccinated against COVID-19. **That verification can be done with:**
  - A CDC vaccination card
  - A digital image of your CDC card
  - An image of any official immunization record
  - A city-designated app or any other COVID-19 vaccine verification app
  
- The city is also updating the vaccination policy for city employees, who will be required to be vaccinated along the same timeline.

### Timeline:

<b>Saturday, January 15</b>	People age 12+ must show proof of 1 dose of vaccine
<b>Tuesday, February 15</b>	People age 12+ must show proof of full vaccination
<b>Tuesday, March 1</b>	Children age 5-11 must show proof of 1 dose of vaccine
<b>Sunday, May 1</b>	People age 5+ must show proof of full vaccination

### Complete List of Covered Locations & Businesses

- **Indoor Dining:** Includes indoor portions of food service establishments offering food and drink, including restaurants, bars, and all indoor dining areas of food service establishments. The requirements of this Order shall not apply to any food service establishment offering food and/or drink exclusively for off-premises or outdoor consumption, or to a food service establishment providing charitable food services such as soup kitchens.

- **Indoor Entertainment, Recreational, and Event Venues:** Includes movie theaters, music or concert venues, commercial event and party venues, museums and galleries, professional sports arenas and indoor stadiums, convention centers and exhibition halls, performing arts theaters, bowling alleys, and other recreational centers;
- **Indoor Gyms and Fitness Settings:** Includes commercial gyms, fitness, yoga/pilates/barre/dance studios, boxing/kickboxing gyms, fitness boot camps, indoor pools, and other facilities used for conducting group fitness classes.

## Exemptions

The following are exempted from this Order:

- Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 public and non-public schools and programs, child care programs, senior centers, community centers, and churches and other places of worship;
- Individuals entering indoor establishments for a quick and limited purpose (for example, using the restroom; placing or picking up an order or service; making a delivery; or performing necessary repairs);
- A performing artist not regularly employed by the covered entity while they are in a covered premises for purposes of performing;
- A professional athlete/sports team who enters a covered premises as part of their regular employment for purposes of competing; and
- An individual accompanying a performing artist or professional athlete/sports team into a covered premises as part of their regular employment so long as the performing artist or professional athlete/sports team are performing or competing in the covered premises.