



## COMMUNITY NOTICE

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### **ENHANCED COVID-19 VACCINE CERTIFICATE QR AND VERIFY APP AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD**

Ahead of the October 22nd rollout for the “Verify Ontario” app, an enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code, the Ontario government is making the app available for download. The purpose of the enhanced certificate app is to make an easier, more secure and convenient form of verifying proof of COVID-19 vaccination status for individuals, businesses, and organizations.

The initial early download availability was rolled out over three days (October 15, 16, and 17) according to birth months at the COVID-19 vaccination portal website ([covid-19.ontario.ca](https://covid-19.ontario.ca)). As of October 18th, at 6 a.m., the portal was open for any individual to download their enhanced vaccine certificate, regardless of their birth month. Individuals can also call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Center at 1-833-943-3900 to have their enhanced vaccine certificate emailed or mailed to them directly.

People are able to save the electronic version of their vaccine certificate with a QR code on their phone or have a printed paper copy to present as proof. Businesses must accept both electronic and paper copies at this time. While the current vaccine receipt is still a valid form of verification, the province is encouraging individuals to download their enhanced proof of vaccination.

Businesses and organizations are now able to download the free Verify Ontario app from the Apple App and Google Play stores. The app was made available ahead of the October 22nd rollout date.

The Verify Ontario app will only scan and ready official, government issued QR codes, such as Ontario’s vaccine certificate and those SMART Health Codes from other provinces, including Quebec, British Columbia, and Yukon Territory.

If you have any questions regarding the Verify Ontario app, or to obtain your enhanced vaccine certificate, please call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Center at **1-833-943-3900**, or download your enhanced vaccine certificate at [covid-19.ontario.ca](https://covid-19.ontario.ca).