



October 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM For Members, Volunteers, And Visitors of Polish Home Association

FROM: PHA Board of Officers

Subject: King County Public Health Order

Dear Friends of the Polish Home Association,

On September 16, 2021, Public Health—Seattle & King County announced a new Health Order that will require patrons and customers attending recreational activities in public places to show proof that they have been vaccinated against COVID-19. People who are unvaccinated or cannot prove vaccine status will be required to show proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test in the last 72 hours.

It is the Polish Home Association's duty to adopt the policy to safeguard the health of our volunteers, members and visitors, and their families, and the community at large from the risk of infection that may be reduced by following the current guidelines.

The PHA Board of Officers decided that beginning October 25, 2021, ALL individuals attending recreational and non-recreational activities at the Polish Home Association, ages 12 and older, will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test in the last 72 hours.

See Exhibit A for details.

Should you have any questions regarding this new policy, please contact the PHA Board of officers at info@polishhome.org.

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VP of Membership

Polish Home Association

EXHIBIT A

(1) Examples of events at the Polish Home required to follow the rule (including but not limited to):

- a. Large events open to the public (e.g., Bazaars, dance parties, workshops)
- b. Recurring classes/practices (e.g., yoga, dance classes, choir, theater, Polish Scouts, Polish School). The rule is also applied to parents and other adults entering the building and staying on the property while their child is attending a class or a meeting; this does not apply to quick drop-offs and pick-ups.
- c. Friday dinner (the rule does not apply to take-out customers coming inside just to pick up food)
- d. Private events held at the PHA (*according to the KC Health Department only private events held at private homes or faith-based institutions are not required, yet strongly encouraged to verify vaccinations/negative covid test*).
- e. Non-recreational events that are also required to follow the rule: PHA board meetings, leadership meetings of clubs, and sister organizations held at the PHA.

(2) Examples of individuals required to follow the rule (including but not limited to): customers, patrons, volunteers, vendors, performers/entertainers, and instructors.

(3) Children under 12 years of age, who are not eligible to be vaccinated, are not required to be tested for entry.

(4) People can verify that they've been vaccinated in a number of ways. They can show:

- CDC COVID-19 vaccination record card or a photo of the card
- Documented proof of vaccination from a medical record/vaccine provider
- Other vaccine verification apps approved by the WA Department of Health
- Printed certificate or QR code (available in late September) from MyIRMobile.com

(5) A person is considered "fully vaccinated" two weeks after their second dose of Moderna or Pfizer or their first dose of Johnson & Johnson. Showing identification, such as a driver's license when showing proof of vaccination is not required.

(6) People who are unvaccinated or cannot prove vaccine status will be required to show proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test in the last 72 hours.

(7) Medical and religious vaccine exemptions are not accepted in place of vaccine verification or documentation of a negative COVID test.

(8) Occasionally, the Polish Home Association will be allowing an event's organizer to conduct an FDA-approved rapid test on-site on the day of the event for a limited number of individuals (for example core volunteers, performers/entertainers, vendors). Details must be discussed by the representative of the Board of Officers and the event's organizer and agreed upon before the event is scheduled.

(9) Individuals not following the rules established by the King County Public Health Department and Polish Home Association will not be allowed to be present at the building on the day of the activity.

(10) The leadership of the club/organization or main organizer of the event will be responsible for confirming the rule is followed.

(11) Participants and instructors of recurring events/classes/meetings and volunteers that showed proof of vaccination status and are voluntarily allowing the PHA representative or event's organizer to keep the record on file are not required to show the proof of vaccination upon each visit.

(12) On policy enforcement by the KC Health Department: *As with other Public Health orders, King County will focus on education and outreach to support people in following the health order. If there are complaints of patrons or businesses egregiously not following the order, County officials will contact businesses and event organizers and take action as feasible.*

RESOURCES:

[COVID-19 testing locations and guidance - King County \(FREE\)](#)

[Info on getting vaccinated in King County \(FREE\)](#)

[Current Guidance / King County Health](#)