Village of Vibank

VILLAGE OF VIBANK
COVID-19 POLICY 2021-004

1.0   Purpose

To establish a policy for council, municipal employees and members of the public entering the municipal office and/or attending public council meetings.

The Province of Saskatchewan has advised municipalities to implement a policy for proof of vaccination or ==proof of negative Covid testing within 72 hours==.

2.0   Scope

This policy applies to all members of council, municipal employees and members of the public entering the municipal office and/or attending public council meetings.

Those members of council, staff or public who are ==not able to show proof of vaccination or cannot show proof of negative test within 72 hours==, have the option to attend public meetings electronically.

Those members of council, staff or public who are ==not able to show proof of vaccination== or ==cannot show proof of a recent negative Covid test taken within 72 hours== must conduct all business with the municipal office by electronic means.

This policy will go into effect October 1st, 2021.

3.0   Objectives

Municipalities need to continue to provide essential services while keeping in mind the safety and health of citizens, employees and the council members. As a level of government, municipalities are expected to adhere to the public health measures mandated by the Province. This includes mandatory masking in all public places, including the municipal offices.

Municipal councils have a legislative requirement to hold open council meetings in which the public can attend as a delegation or an observer.

4.0 Definitions

Vaccine Passport is defined as a Province of Saskatchewan issued document indicating the dates of vaccination, vaccine brand (Pfizer, Moderna or Astra Zeneca). This document can be QR code (electronically or in print) or the card received at the time of vaccine.

Proof of Covid test is defined as a document (electronically or in print) that shows that a viral test that checks specimens from your nose or your mouth to find out if you are currently infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 has been completed and showed to be negative.

Any of the following COVID-19 tests administered at a testing site approved by the minister of Health will be considered as acceptable when taken within 72 hours of admittance:

• a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for SARS-CoV-2;
• a point-of-care antigen test for SARS-CoV-2;
• any other test for SARS-CoV-2 approved by the minister of Health including Rapid-antigen tests

5.0 Responsibility

Council is responsible for adopting the policy regarding the Covid-19 policy. Management is responsible for allocating resources and provide high level oversight of the Covid-19 policy. Management is also responsible for ensuring the organizational resources are appropriately utilized to ensure service delivery.

7.0 Review Date

This policy has a life of 3 months or less at the discretion of the current Council or as required by the Province of Saskatchewan.

_____September 28, 2021_____   __passed with the changes highlighted in yellow__
Council Meeting Date