



## **DRAGON BOAT CANADA VACCINATION POLICY**

### **1. 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 your local Public Health Unit (PHU).

There are currently four vaccines approved by Health Canada:

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

Dragon Boat Canada has a responsibility to take all steps necessary to ensure the safety of Members in both sanctioned activities and events.

### **2. Purpose/Scope**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to ensure a safer return to dragon boat practice and competition, 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 local PHU.

All DBC affiliated Clubs or Teams are required to implement a policy pertaining to vaccination status of their athletes.

### **3. Policy**

#### **3.1 General**

- All athletes 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 athletes 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.

### 3.2 Vaccination

- Prior to participation in dragon boat activities where athletes are <2m apart, including but not limited to, practices and competition, all athletes are expected to attest to being fully vaccinated.
- Athletes may be asked to provide proof of vaccination, in addition to attestation
- Athletes 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.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Fully vaccinated	An individual is considered fully vaccinated if they have received two doses (or one, in the case of Janssen) of a Health Canada approved vaccine, and that vaccination has taken place at least 14 days prior.
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.