



# Alkame Dragon Boat Services Vaccination Policy

## 1. Introduction

Vaccines are a safe and reliable way to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Due to the nature of our sport, getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your family and your teammates, and to help us all move back into our normal daily routines as quickly as possible.

As an organization, we have a responsibility to help protect our staff, our clients, and the general public, in the best way that we can. We will take all of the necessary steps and precautions that will ensure the greatest amount of safety for those who are returning to our programs, events and facilities.

There are currently four approved vaccines available in Canada:

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

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines or how to book an appointment, visit [www.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines](http://www.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines).

## 2. Purpose/Scope

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a safer return to our sport as we get back into dragon boats for practices and eventually, festivals, again. This policy has been created in accordance with the Government, Public Health and Dragon Boat Canada policies and guidelines.

## 3. Policy

### 3.1 General

- All people who utilize our services, attend our events, or rent our facilities, including but not limited to, staff, coaches, steerspeople, drummers, athletes

and spectators, are expected to continue to follow the local guidance pertaining to the management of COVID-19. This includes but is not limited to, active self-assessment, isolation and/or quarantine requirements, and hygiene/cleaning protocols.

- All people who utilize our services, attend our events, or rent our facilities, including but not limited to, staff, coaches, steerspeople, drummers, athletes and spectators, are expected to report any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infections, and are to follow any direction given, including but not limited to, self-isolation and notification of relevant parties.

### 3.2 Vaccination

- Prior to participation in any dragon boat activity where you cannot maintain more than 2-metres of distance from another person, including but not limited to, practices and competitions, athletes must 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, and will be unable to engage in many of our outlined activities, including but not limited to, any dragon boat practice that utilizes one of our staff members and/or any dragon boat festival whereby we are the provider.
- Athletes who are unable to attest to being fully vaccinated due to a medical exemption, will be treated as unvaccinated and will be unable to engage in many of our outlined activities, including but not limited to, any dragon boat practice that utilizes one of our staff members, and/or any dragon boat festival whereby we are the provider.

### 3.3 Festivals

- In the case of a dragon boat festival, it is the responsibility of the Team Captain and/or Head Coach and/or Team Coordinator, to submit a roster of only fully vaccinated athletes.
- Every rostered member will be required to complete an online waiver and attestation form prior to arriving at the festival venue.
- Every team and/or club should develop their own policy regarding vaccination; however, every team and/or club is subject to our vaccination policy when utilizing one of our staff for practices and/or when attending a festival whereby we are the provider.

**One is considered to be 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.**