

**September 2021 Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.  
 COVIDSafe Proof of Fully Vaccinated Status or Negative COVID Test  
 Policy Frequently Asked Questions**



Question	Answer	Category
<p>Why is the Society introducing this policy?</p>	<p>For the last number of months, the Board has received an increasing amount of feedback from Kingdoms and individuals about the option to require vaccinations or negative covid tests for participation. Given the increase in cases and the continuing possibility of the strain mutating, the Board feels that the most responsible action to take is to provide Kingdoms with a consistent framework for implementing a vaccination requirement policy if it is appropriate to their Kingdom.</p> <p>Ultimately, a higher vaccination rate is the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19, protect the more vulnerable, increase the comfort of attendees, and help us return more quickly to a 'normal' pre-pandemic style of activities. .</p>	<p>Policy</p>
<p>Why is the policy optional for Kingdoms?</p>	<p>We are a world wide organisation that spans many public health jurisdictions. This resolution gives Kingdoms the option to introduce this policy if it is appropriate to their environment and current public health advice.</p>	<p>Policy</p>
<p>Can Kingdoms choose to implement part of this policy?</p>	<p>No, the policy must be implemented in full, barring any regional legal restrictions.</p>	<p>Policy</p>
<p>Does this replace the previous policy?</p>	<p>No, this policy is in addition to previous resolutions. It outlines the framework under which Kingdoms can choose to introduce a vaccination or negative covid test requirement.</p>	<p>Policy</p>

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What if the policy cannot be implemented in some regions of a Kingdom due to local law?	Kingdom Seneschals who wish to implement the policy but have legal restrictions in some regions should discuss this matter with the Society Seneschal.	Policy
My Kingdom crosses multiple countries with different law. Does this prevent us applying the policy?	The Society's governing documents state that local modern law takes precedence over any Society policy. Kingdoms who wish to implement the policy but need to consider the laws of multiple countries should discuss the matter with the Society Seneschal.	Policy
What if some aspects of the policy cannot be implemented due to legal requirements in a Kingdom?	Kingdom Seneschals who wish to implement the policy but have legal restrictions for some aspects should discuss this matter with the Society Seneschal.	Policy
Does this apply to online/virtual events?	No.	Policy
Who is considered fully vaccinated?	<p>People are considered fully vaccinated after receiving the full series of a COVID 19 vaccine or combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by the World Health Organization (e.g., two doses of a two-dose vaccine series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine series).</p> <p>In general, people are considered fully vaccinated: ±</p> <p>2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer, Astra Zeneca or Moderna vaccines, or</p> <p>2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson &amp; Johnson's Janssen vaccine</p>	Implementation

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	If you don't meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are NOT fully vaccinated.	
Does a previous COVID-19 infection allow you to attend these settings?	No, a previous infection is not a substitute for being fully vaccinated.	Implementation
What if I don't want to disclose my vaccination status?	We respect your right not to disclose your vaccination status. Attendees who do not wish to disclose their vaccination status have the option of producing a negative viral COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen) result taken within 72 hours of the event commencing.	Implementation
When should I not attend an SCA activity?	Do not attend SCA activities if you have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea), even if you have been vaccinated.  Do not attend SCA activities if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.	Implementation
What types of Covid test are acceptable?	Attendees without proof of vaccination must provide proof of a negative PCR test or a negative antigen test taken within 72 hours of the start of the activity.	Implementation

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<p>What if I am unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons?</p>	<p>Attendees without proof of vaccination must provide proof of a negative PCR test or a negative antigen test taken within 72 hours of the start of the activity.</p>	<p>Implementation</p>
<p>What about children?</p>	<p>Proof of Vaccination or a negative test will not be required for children who are ineligible for vaccination by virtue of age.</p>	<p>Implementation</p>
<p>Do I have to wear a mask?</p>	<p>Masks may be mandated by Kingdoms as per the Board's previous resolution. They are strongly recommended for non-vaccinated attendees save for those children under 2 years old.</p>	<p>Implementation</p>

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<p>What is appropriate proof of a negative test result?</p>	<p>The following formats are acceptable proofs of a negative COVID-19 test: paper negative COVID-19 test results (original only; no photocopies accepted), digital or emailed COVID-19 test results; or record of COVID-19 testing from a healthcare provider including original digital email notification or personal electronic health record.</p> <p>The negative COVID-19 test result must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Where the test was administered, including information such as the name and contact information for the laboratory or healthcare personnel who performed the test</li> <li>● A specimen collection dated 72 hours or less before the event.</li> <li>● Attendee’s name and either date of birth, age, or passport number</li> <li>● A negative test result using words or phrases including:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Negative</li> <li>○ Undetectable</li> <li>○ SARS-CoV-2 RNA not detected</li> <li>○ SARS-CoV-2 antigen not detected</li> <li>○ COVID-19 not detected</li> <li>○ Not reactive</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Test results marked “invalid” are not accepted</li> </ul>	<p>Implementation</p>
<p>What kind of health information are you storing about me?</p>	<p>Kingdoms who chose to implement this policy will not keep a record of your proof of vaccination or a negative covid test. No medical information is being recorded, only a record that it has been checked.</p>	<p>Implementation</p>

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Can only a single person check proof of vaccination/negative test results?	No, this action can be undertaken by multiple people at gate but each person must verify their actions at the end of their shifts.	Implementation
Who should we notify if someone is removed from site for non-compliance with the policy?	You should notify your Kingdom Seneschal who will in turn notify the Society Seneschal and SCA President.	Implementation
When does the 3 day clock for negative tests start? Is it from the first day of the event or does it start from the day checked?	It starts from the first day of the event.	Implementation
Does this include activities or just events?	Events are defined in Corpora II.A and include official SCA activities such as meetings, trainings etc.	Implementation
Does the policy mean that people who refuse to adhere to the policy may be subject to official sanction?	Failure to adhere to any SCA policy may result in official sanctions.	Implementation
What about demos or activities held in public locations?	People participating in SCA activities must adhere to SCA policies. This is not required of non SCA participants (i.e. observers and passers by at demos.) .	Implementation
If I attend an event in a Kingdom with a different COVIDSafe	You must follow the policy of the Kingdom hosting the event. This includes attendees whose local laws would not permit the hosting	Implementation

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policy to my own, whose requirements do I follow?	Kingdom's policy. A good rule to remember is the old adage, "when in Rome...."	
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