

The Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festivals continues to closely monitor Public Health protocols, restrictions and guidelines, and will put in place all appropriate safety measures in the preparation, and delivery of, our 2022 in-person Festival events. Our current COVID-19 protocols can be found at: <https://www.vkmfestivals.org/covid-19information>

As our registration deadline is fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on our Vaccination policy and our Refund policy.

By order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), proof of full vaccination is required to access indoor organized events. The requirement is in place until June 30, 2022, and it applies to all people born in 2010 or earlier (12+).

Youth aged 12 to 18 can carry their own BC Vaccine Card, or have a trusted adult carry it for them. Youth are not required to show valid government photo ID.

- 12 year olds only need to show proof of 1 dose of vaccine.
- 13 to 18 year olds need to show proof of 2 doses of vaccine
- Children aged 5 to 11 are not required to show proof of vaccination.

Although several indicators are now suggesting the Omicron wave of COVID-19 has peaked in Canada, as we've learned in the past, it's never over until it's over. Being mindful that the virus can surprise us again at any moment, we realize how fast circumstances can change. In the event the government issues a mandate for children aged 5 to 11 to be vaccinated, the VKMF will follow those guidelines, as well as any additional measures in place at that time. As per our rules, entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable except in the case of a class cancellation by VKMF. However, in the case where these measures prevent any registered child between the ages of 5-11 from participating in our 2022 festival events, then as an organization, we would be prepared to consider refunds or offer the opportunity to donate your registration fees to the festival and receive a tax-receipt.

We are hopeful and optimistic that it won't get to that point and are staying the course in the preparation of our first in-person festival in over two years. We are excited to welcome everyone back!