



# Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

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Supporting police professionals through innovative and inclusive police leadership to advance the safety and security of all Canadians.

## **CACP statement – Mandatory vaccination of police officers and the enforcement of vaccination passports**

September 14, 2021

### **Vaccination of police officers**

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The CACP supports the government and public health direction that vaccination is the most effective tool to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its variants, and that everyone who is medically able to do so be vaccinated, including police officers.

### **Enforcement of vaccination passports**

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Over the past year and a half, police services across the country have been steadfast in supporting logistical, public health, and public safety efforts to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

While the volume of some types of crime and calls for service may have decreased due to pandemic lockdown and related restrictions, there is a notable increase in other areas such as domestic violence, organized crime, drug overdoses, pandemic-related fraud, etc. Additionally, as businesses, services and public spaces began to reopen, crime began to rise again.<sup>1</sup>

The focus of police agencies across Canada must centre on addressing criminal activity. It is important for police leaders to dedicate police resources to the work that only the police can do.

Policing involves striking an appropriate balance between the individual and personal freedoms of Canadians with the concept of social order and the general public good. The CACP believes in policing in partnership with the community and building better relationships with the citizens we serve. Using law enforcement to ensure compliance with public policy does not help prevent or reduce crime, nor does it advance community relations efforts of police services across the country.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/210127/dq210127c-eng.htm>