

The OAN has learned that some people living with HIV been asked to prove their HIV status at their COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PROVE YOU ARE HIV POSITIVE TO GET A COVID-19 VACCINE

- You are not required to say out loud or prove you are living with HIV.
- Health care workers and other volunteers at vaccine clinics can ask you if you have an immune deficiency or immuno-compromising health condition. They *cannot* ask you to prove which condition you have.
- You *do not* have to prove you spoke to your doctor about getting the vaccine. However, you may be asked if you have a talked with your doctor about if the vaccine is right for you.
- You might also be asked if you have any allergies to the ingredients in the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you have been asked to prove your HIV status during a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please follow up with your local AIDS service organization (ASO) to share your experience and get support. You can also contact the HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO) for legal advice:

- toll-free in Ontario 1-888-705-8889
- website: <https://www.halco.org>