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Mayor and Council,

Following the Provincial Health Orders on Proof of Vaccination (POV), we have implemented the requirement of validating our patrons' POV at our facilities and program as required by the order. As you are likely aware, POV is currently not a requirement for any COV staff in any of our work settings.

We are aware of, and are closely following, the developments within the events and performance industry related to the desire for POV requirements that would go beyond those currently mandated by BC's Health Order. This specifically relates to Vancouver Civic Theatres. Some of our promoters and presenters are asking for City staff who will be working at their events to provide proof of vaccination, or a negative test, as a condition of their rental of our venues. This requirement is often coming from the artist(s) and currently, some of the bigger shows are not being scheduled in our facilities for this reason.

Some shows are still happening, such as the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra season opening concerts at the Orpheum this weekend, and we will validate patrons POV in accordance with the order.

Arts and culture in Vancouver is an important part of the fabric of our city and our economy. We are currently working with all our stakeholders, including the two unions representing VCT staff, to find a workable solution so that we can continue to activate our theatre facilities and welcome back performers and the community.

We will keep you apprised of further developments on this issue.

Best,  
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