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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Announces Vaccine Policy for All-New North Pole Adventure™

Patrons of North Pole Adventure™ will need to show proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test

INDEPENDENCE, OH, August 26, 2021 — Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) announced today that patrons 12 and older will be required to present proof that they are fully vaccinated or provide a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of their scheduled North Pole Adventure™ ride.

Upon arrival at the station for their scheduled departure, patrons will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated or negative COVID-19 test. Those who cannot provide proper proof of their vaccination or negative test will not be allowed entry onto the train. Additionally, all volunteers and staff on the train will be required to be fully vaccinated or show a negative COVID-19 test before boarding.

“Many like organizations and venues are implementing similar protocols,” said CVSR President and CEO Joe Mazur. “It comes down to doing our part to keep our patrons, volunteers and staff safe.”

Last year, the railroad had to cancel its annual Christmas train due to the rise in COVID-19 cases to keep the community safe. “This is about the health and safety of our community and trying to help stop the spread of COVID-19,” said Mazur. “This decision ensures we can safely operate and provide a memorable and safe experience for all our guests.”

The COVID-19 vaccination and test policy will take effect beginning November 5 and includes North Pole Adventure™ and the Veterans Day Train Ride on November 11. The policy will not impact any of CVSR’s programs or events before this date. Additionally, CVSR falls under the Transportation Security Administration (TSA); therefore, guests, volunteers and staff are required to wear masks at all boarding stations, in depots, and aboard the train at all times except when eating or drinking, replacing the mask between sips and bites. These restrictions will remain in place indefinitely and are subject to change with current public health conditions and as guidance is reevaluated.

Tickets for North Pole Adventure™ go on sale to CVSR Members September 8 at 9 a.m. and to the public October 5 at 9 a.m. For more information on North Pole Adventure™ visit [CVSR.org/npa-info](https://cvsr.org/npa-info)

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About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for more than 40 years. For more information about the railroad, visit [CVSR.org](https://cvsr.org).