



## **Heart & Stroke Gala 2022: Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Why is H&S planning an in-person event when the Omicron variant of COVID-19 is spreading so quickly?**

A: As a health charity, our first priority is always the health and safety of our supporters, sponsors, special guests, volunteers and employees. Heart & Stroke has been closely following the guidance and advice of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), as well as our provincial and municipal authorities, regarding COVID-19 and the spread of new and emerging variants.

The current BC provincial guidelines allow for the Heart & Stroke Gala to move forward, and our venue partner – Parq Vancouver – is in complete compliance with these guidelines. Attendance requires proof of vaccination, in compliance with the provincial and Parq Vancouver guidelines, as well as the [Heart & Stroke vaccination policy](#). We have reduced our ticket sales to 400 to comply with the 50% capacity requirements for the Parq Ballroom, and we will determine requirements for masking and activities allowed (such as dancing) when we are closer to the event date.

We will continue to monitor the pandemic situation in our community and the shifting public health authority guidance over the coming months. If necessary, we will postpone the event to 2023, but at this time we hope to see our guests at our beloved Gala on June 10, 2022.

**Q: What health & safety precautions are being considered in planning for the Heart & Stroke Gala?**

A: Heart & Stroke's first priority is always the health and safety of our supporters, sponsors, special guests, volunteers and employees. At this time, in compliance with the most up-to-date BC Public Health guidelines as well as [Heart & Stroke's vaccination policy](#), proof of vaccination is required to attend the Heart & Stroke Gala. We have also reduced our ticket sales to 400 to comply with the current 50% capacity limit for the Parq Ballroom, and masking is required in all public areas of the facility.

We will continue to monitor the guidelines as the status of the pandemic evolves, and will update our Gala guests on any changes, such as masking requirements and restrictions to activities like dancing.



**Q: If the Gala ends up being cancelled, what happens to my tickets?**

A: We are so grateful to you for supporting Heart & Stroke through your ticket purchase. Should we need to postpone this year's Gala due to changing pandemic guidelines, your ticket purchase(s) will be refunded in full. Alternatively, you also have the option to convert your ticket purchase to a donation and receive a tax receipt for the full amount.

**Q: Will I receive a tax receipt for my ticket purchase(s)?**

A: According to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) guidelines, when a donor receives an advantage in exchange for a gift, a charity must be able to come up with an accurate figure for the fair market value of that advantage. In the case of Heart & Stroke Gala tickets, the advantage would include the dinner and entertainment value of the event, which will be deducted from the Gala ticket price to determine the final donation amount for tax receipting purposes. You will receive your 2022 tax receipt by the end of June.

**Q: I also made a donation with my ticket purchase. Will my donation be refunded?**

A: Thank you so much for your generous gift, we are so grateful for your support. As per CRA guidelines, donations are non-refundable, and any donations submitted for the 2022 Heart & Stroke Gala must be included in the fundraising revenue for this year. Donations cannot be transferred to a future year. You should have received a 2022 tax receipt immediately after you made your donation. Please know that your support will continue to help us do the important work of beating heart disease and stroke.

