

## Indoor Extra-Curricular Sporting Activities:

### Guidance Regarding Implementation of Public Health Orders

December 3, 2021

As of Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, [public health orders](#) require youth aged 12 to 17 years attending indoor sporting and recreational facilities (including schools) to provide proof they have received at least one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine for COVID-19.

If they have not had at least one dose or do not wish to disclose their vaccination status, they must provide proof of a pharmacist-confirmed negative result from an approved rapid antigen test, from a test taken within the 72 hours before they participate. The public health orders do not allow other health care providers to confirm a test result.

Please note that students aged 18 and older must be fully vaccinated and the option of providing a negative testing result does not apply.

Schools are responsible for ensuring that students engaging in indoor extra-curricular sporting activities meet the eligibility requirements. To ensure compliance with the [Personal Health Information Act](#), schools will use Tyler SIS to record this information and generate a roster of eligible players for each event. The Information Systems Department has created a [step-by-step guide](#) to assist schools.

As the new public health orders take effect on Monday, Dec. 6, your immediate attention to this matter is requested. For more information, please refer to the FAQ's below or to the following documents:

- [Public Health Orders for Indoor Youth Sports – Provincial Implementation Guidance: Public Health Factsheet](#) (December 2021)
- [Public Health Orders](#) (November 12, 2021), particularly Order 14
- [LRSD Policy JLII – Safe Work & Learning Environment: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination of Students Participating in Indoor Extra-Curricular Sporting Activities](#)
- [LRSD Safe Work Procedure – Verifying COVID-19 Vaccination Status of Visitors](#)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Do the public health orders apply to practices, too?**

The orders apply to all youth aged 12 to 17 years entering any indoor sporting or recreational facility to watch or participate in extra-curricular activities. These facilities include, but are not limited to, school gymnasiums, classrooms, multi-purpose rooms and municipal/community sports and recreation facilities, such as arenas. Both indoor practices and competitions are subject to the orders.

#### **Who is responsible for checking a student athlete's vaccination status or testing result?**

The principal is responsible for implementing a system at their school for checking the vaccination status or test results of student athletes.

For student athletes, vaccination status or test results will be recorded in the division's secure student information system, Tyler SIS. School secretaries who regularly handle personal health information as part of their duties will record this information.

When checking vaccination status or test results, staff are reminded to follow applicable [Safe Work Procedures](#).

### **Are spectators allowed to attend games in LRSD schools?**

LRSD began admitting spectators to high school volleyball games in November 2021 and plans to welcome spectators to high school basketball games when the season launches. LRSD is working toward welcoming spectators to middle years games, as well.

Note that LRSD [Policy GBGBC](#) specifies that visitors to divisional facilities, including spectators, must provide proof that they are fully vaccinated. The principal is responsible for implementing a system at their school for checking the vaccination status of visitors.

When checking vaccination status, staff are reminded to follow applicable [Safe Work Procedures](#).

### **What documents are acceptable as proof of vaccination or testing?**

**Proof of full vaccination** (required for those 18 and older) requires a government-issued immunization card that contains a QR code, as well as government-issued identification or a school ID card to verify the person's identity. Manitoba immunization cards can be requested on the government of Manitoba website at [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunizationrecord/residents.html#immunization-cards](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunizationrecord/residents.html#immunization-cards) or by calling 1-844-MAN-VACC (1-844-626-8222).

**Proof of a single dose of vaccination** requires a printout or web view of the individual's government-issued immunization record as well as government-issued identification or a school ID card to verify the person's identity. A printout or web view of proof of a single dose of vaccination is available by registering on the Shared Health website at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/>.

**Proof of a negative result from an approved rapid antigen test** within the 72 hours before participation must be confirmed by a pharmacist and supported by government-issued identification or a school ID card to verify the person's identity. The orders do not allow other health care providers to confirm a test result. Youth that choose testing should verify with their local pharmacy that test kits are available. Provincial COVID-19 testing sites are not to be used for testing pertaining to these orders. Provincial COVID-19 testing sites are for the testing of symptomatic individuals and individuals directed to be tested by public health officials.

### **What needs to be done on the day of a practice or game for an indoor extra-curricular sporting activity involving students aged 12 to 17?**

The school secretary will print the [Attestation of Participant Roster](#) form and a roster of eligible players for the principal to review. Note that Tyler SIS will automatically exclude students whose testing result will have expired by the start of the event.

The secretary will provide this information to the adult supervising the activity. The supervisor will ensure that only eligible students participate and that the attestation and roster are returned to the secretary following the event.

For events that take place at their own school or within LRSD:

- Student athletes only need to disclose their vaccination status once.
- Student athletes who opt for testing need only show their results to the school office once every 72 hours.
- The attestation form will suffice to prove their eligibility to participate.

#### **What needs to be done if the event is taking place off-site?**

If the event takes place in an external facility, students must meet the facility's entrance requirements. Students will be asked to produce their proof of vaccination or negative testing result to gain admittance. Keep in mind that some external facilities require all who enter to be fully vaccinated; do your research in advance to ensure that you will meet their specific requirements.

#### **Where can a student go for testing?**

A number of local pharmacies, including Shoppers Drug Mart, Sobeys, Superstore and Walmart, offer the testing service on an appointment basis. Families are encouraged to contact their local pharmacy to confirm if the service is available.

#### **How much does testing cost?**

Pharmacies set their own price for the service. Families are responsible for paying the fee and are encouraged to communicate directly with their local pharmacy for specific information.

Where a medical condition which prevents a student from being vaccinated against COVID-19, parents/guardians may submit a request in writing to the principal for reimbursement of costs associated with the COVID-19 testing required for participation in indoor extra-curricular sporting activities. Details of the process can be found in [Policy JLI](#).

#### **When can a student go for testing?**

[Policy JLI](#) requires that students attend a participating pharmacy and submit their results to the school outside of class time. Students must schedule their testing carefully to ensure that they meet the requirement of a negative test result within the 72 hours preceding the indoor extracurricular sporting activity.

#### **The answer to my question wasn't here. Where can I find it?**

Please refer to the provincial guidance document for further information.

- [Public Health Orders for Indoor Youth Sports – Provincial Implementation Guidance: Public Health Factsheet](#) (December 2021)

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