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Dear MSA Members,

As indicated in previous correspondence we have been following the information trail with regards to the public health orders that come into effect on December 6, 2021, which will require youth aged 12 to 17 years attending indoor sporting and recreational facilities to provide proof that they have received at least one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine for COVID-19. Below is additional information from the provincial health authorities.

Participants, youth aged 12 to 17 years, who have not had at least one dose, must provide proof of a pharmacist-confirmed negative result from an approved rapid antigen test, from a test taken within the 72 hours before participation. The public health orders do not allow other health care providers to confirm a test result.

For clarification, approved rapid COVID-19 tests include (a) the Abbott PanBio COVID-19 antigen test; (b) the BD Veritor COVID-19 antigen test; and (c) any other test for COVID-19 approved by the chief provincial public health officer.

It is the responsibility of the facility operator (including public and independent schools) to ensure the public health orders are followed.

Required proof of vaccination/testing includes:

- Proof of full vaccination (required for those 18 and older) will require a government-issued immunization card that contains a QR code, as well as government-issued identification (driver's licences, provincial health cards, passports, status cards, permanent resident cards, citizenship cards, social insurance cards and birth certificates) or a school ID card to verify the youth'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 or by calling 1-844-MAN-VACC (1-844-626-8222).
- Proof of a single dose of vaccination will require 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 participant'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 youth'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.

Participants choosing to test are responsible for purchasing the test. Families are encouraged to contact their local pharmacy to confirm if the pharmacy provides these tests. In addition, pharmacies set their own prices for the service, so people are encouraged to ask about the cost.

Youth subject to the orders who have been granted a medical exemption are not required to undergo testing. Only Manitoba Health and Seniors Care can approve medical exemptions.

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.

If you would like to read the more detailed information about proof of vaccination, the scope of the orders, and how to collect and manage personal health information, please visit:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/testing-youth-indoor-sports.html>

Here are some other resources:

- [Fact sheet](#)
- [Sample](#) of a negative rapid antigen test from a pharmacy
- [Sample](#) of proof of a single dose record from Shared Health website

All other public health orders and guidance will continue to be followed.

Please take the necessary steps to comply with the requirements to ensure all participants continue to enjoy the sport.

Take care,



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Executive Director