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Dear MSA Members,

On November 12th the provincial health authorities announced changes to the restrictions for sport and recreation. The current public health orders are in effect until December 5th to allow participants to prepare for the future requirements.

As of Monday, December 6th:

- Indoor sporting and recreational facilities must not operate unless admission of members of the public to the facility is restricted to the following (Order 14-1):
 - persons who produce proof of vaccination
 - persons who produce proof from the Government of Manitoba that there is a medical reason for the person not to receive a vaccine for COVID-19
 - persons under 12 years of age
 - persons who are at least 12 years of age, but have not yet reached 18 years of age and who produce
 - proof that they have received one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine for COVID-19, or
 - proof of a negative rapid COVID-19 test result within the previous 72 hours that is confirmed by a pharmacist.
- This applies to spectators who are watching sporting or recreational activities at the facility (Order 14-2)
- This applies when gymnasiums and other indoor sporting facilities at a public or independent school are used for sporting activities that are not part of the school curriculum (Order 14-3)

To clarify, this means that any child 12 to 17 years old must provide proof that they have a minimum of one immunization and adults over the age of 18 must provide proof that they are fully immunized to enter any indoor sporting and recreational facility. This includes players, coaches, referees, spectators, etc. The facilities, with guidance from the health authorities, will establish the process on how proof will need to be provided when entering the facility.

- If these Orders require the operator of the facility to prevent members of the public who are not fully vaccinated from attending the facility, a person who is not fully vaccinated and who is not otherwise permitted to enter that business or facility under these Orders must not enter or attempt to enter that facility.

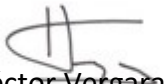
With the new orders coming into effect on December 6th, we encourage all our participants to be prepared to provide the required documentation when entering the facility.

The MSA expects to receive further details closer to December 6th, which will be communicated to our soccer community.

We also encourage the Member organizations to communicate with their organizations/teams and ensure the information is understood to avoid any issues for the participants in the sport.

We continue to remind our members to ensure the MSA Return to Play protocols and the facility protocols are followed.

Take care,



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