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Dear Manitoba Soccer Community,

The Manitoba Soccer Association announced on November 17th that starting Monday, December 6th, everyone 12- 17 years old (players, spectators, and youth coaches) will be required to provide 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 to be able to enter an indoor facility to enjoy our sport.

Anyone (players, coaches, and spectators) 18+ will be required to provide proof that they are fully vaccinated.

We continue to be in contact with the Manitoba health authorities and Sport Manitoba to receive more details. We have been informed that additional details will be communicated to the community towards the end of the week. MSA will provide you with information as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please see below for some FAQs that we hope start to provide some clarity before December 6th.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. TESTING

- a. What is the actual test? Anti-gen or PCR

Rapid Antigen Test approved by a pharmacist, ONLY ones allowed to administer, 72 hours prior to entering the facility.

- b. Is there more than one option?

Proof of vaccination (one dose or two) or a negative Antigen Test confirmed by a pharmacist. Other options are not yet known. Provincial testing sites are not to be used for testing for this Public Health Order.

- c. Cost of test(s)?

Prices are determined by the pharmacies (Note: Chair of Pharmacist's Association was quoted in Winnipeg Free Press earlier this fall saying range is \$50 - \$100, other sources suggest \$40 on average).

d. 72-hour requirement – within?

72 hours prior to entering facility for a game or practice – or to watch a game or practice as a spectator. If the individual's 72-hours expires while they are participating in an activity, the individual will require another test before their next activity.

2. Testing Sites – Pharmacies and/or family doctors? – Concern that may not be available in small communities

Participating pharmacies where available.

3. Proof of Immunization

a. If 12-17 have different proof of vaccination, will that also be acceptable for 18+ instead of QR code?

No, for individuals 18+, there is no testing option and will require proof of full vaccination.

b. Can a negative test be used for 18+?

No, any individual 18+ must provide proof of full vaccination.

4. Vaccination Confirmation

a. Who are negative tests presented to? Facility or team representative?

The negative tests will be shown to the Facility.

b. Needs to be clear what acceptable proof for 12-17 is – paper?

The assumption is that this question refers to proof of vaccination and what is acceptable ID for someone who is 12-17. Proof of vaccination can be a print-out or screenshot of the individual's immunization records. School photos are permitted as evidence of person's ID.


5. 12-17 required by Dec 6th – when will the 2nd dose be required? After 2nd dose will 12-17 receive QR code/card?

2nd dose would be administered on the timeline as prescribed by public health. There is a waiting period between first and second doses. 12-17 will be able to request QR code/card.

6. If 12–17 year old's are required to be vaccinated to participate in sports, will that also be required to spectate?

Yes, the new orders apply to both participants and spectators.

Take care,


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