

## CurlManitoba's update re: vaccination in sport

The following new requirements went into effect September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 by the Province of Manitoba, members and visitors using Manitoba's curling clubs will need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination by September 3<sup>rd</sup>. **The Province has made an exemption for youth sport (under 18 years of age).**

The Province of Manitoba has ordered that proof of vaccination will be needed to attend any and all non-essential services, including indoor ticketed sporting events, restaurants and nightclubs, fitness centres and gyms, indoor sporting activities (with a youth exemption). The intent and spirit of this order, and the activities specifically outlined, clearly encompass the sport of curling, as well as the off-ice social and administrative activities at curling clubs. It is recommended that clubs create a way that members show visual proof (Vaccine card with ID). Visual proof will alleviate the need to store sensitive information. Therefore, **once an adult member shows proof, they are able to curl for the season.** Clubs will need to create a process for spectators/restaurant/bar patrons to show proof of vaccination if they are not regular members.

For vaccination verification: with the new health orders, adults (18+) being required to be vaccinated to participate in sport is now the law - so you can ask for people to present their ID and their QR code / physical card to confirm, but you cannot collect or store the information on the card. There is an app you can download to scan the QR codes/cards for verification.

<https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunizationrecord/businesses.html>

ORDER 14 14(1) Indoor sporting and recreational facilities, including dance schools and martial arts studios, must not operate unless admission of members of the public to the facility is restricted to the following: (a) persons who produce proof that they are fully immunized; (b) 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; (c) **persons under 18 years of age.**

14(2) For certainty, subsection (1) applies to spectators who are watching sporting or recreational activities at the facility.

Additionally, curling clubs are expected to implement the indoor mask mandate that became effective on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. While the order does allow for the removal of masks during physical activity, or while seated at a table in a restaurant/pub/bar, CurlManitoba does recommend that curlers keep their masks on indoors as much as possible.

**CurlManitoba supports the direction and appreciates the concept of proof of vaccination to enter indoor facilities and participate in sports or recreational activities with no Field of Play restrictions.**

The order will advance us positively in our efforts to establish and maintain a normal curling season. It will allow clubs to keep the lights on, ice to be made, staff to be employed, and for the province's curling community to keep playing the game we all love so much.

CurlManitoba also recommends self-monitoring for any symptoms of COVID-19 (including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, and a new loss of taste or smell), seeking medical attention and avoiding attendance in curling facilities until the health situation is diagnosed and resolved.

CurlManitoba has developed a template for a potential club illness policy that clubs are free to use. It will be posted to the COVID section of our website and attached to this communication. [Click here](#)

All sports and facilities are entering some logistics that have not been done before. It is hoped that all sports and facilities will share best practices etc. As those are received CurlManitoba will share with all clubs.

We will continue to closely monitor pandemic developments, and will issue new statements and direction as soon as provincial health orders change.