

September 1st, 2021 – Questions & Answers – Club Curling Commencement

With the public health orders requiring all people in recreation settings and in the lounge required to be fully vaxed, how are clubs planning on monitoring this? Once at registration (but then who maintains the list) or at every visit? How will the club ensure that everyone is fully vaxed? QR codes or require the card and photo id?

Once a league member has been checked once, they are good for the season. As for the spectators, the facility will have to have a process to check people coming in the door as spectators.

To me the Manitoba vaccine card does not contain any personal medical information. It is a name and a QR code. Or is the fact that we know they have been vaccinated considered medical information. I guess I am wondering if we could simply create a declaration statement that curlers have to sign off on that they agree they are double vaccinated. Basically an addition to the existing waiver. Is that an issue?

Clubs can scan their QR code and check ID but cannot store that information.

Just wondering if you can clarify how the vaccine requirement effects junior curlers. Obviously kids 0-11 can't get vaccinated so they wouldn't be required to be vaccinated. What about kids 12-18?

Anyone U18 who is participating in sport, including players, coaches, officials, can do so unvaccinated and without being accompanied by a fully vaccinated parent/guardian. (Updated September 21st, 2021)

It will be interesting. On the local news last evening, there was a gentleman expressing concerns about a Winnipeg movie theatre not properly screening him when he presented his Vax card as they did not ask for id. This will become very onerous on all facilities going forward. Clubs do not have the resources to currently check vax status at the door and even then the logistics of having a whole draw of people show up and line up outside the door is not realistic either. I am wondering how amateur hockey is handling this for example. Do local city arenas/community centres have a staff member at each door checking vax and id cards? Huge issue for curling clubs with primarily volunteers. I am not even sure what would satisfy public health in terms of a one time check or a check each time a person enters the facility? Wondering if you might be able to seek out the frequency of checks or other guidance from someone at public health on behalf of all MB clubs?

All Curling Clubs will have to have a process in place to check their vax cards and ID. Having said that, once a league player has been checked once, you don't need to check again. As for spectators, there will have to be a process in place by the Clubs to check them.

Can you send me any rules and regulations in regards to covid?

CurlManitoba will be sending Clubs and updating the website as new Provincial restrictions and health guidelines come to us.

While setting up our registration we are questioning the need for the 14-day quarantine (item 8) that reads:

The individual has not, nor has any member of the individual's household, travelled to, or had a lay-over in any country outside Canada, or in any province outside Manitoba in the past 14 days. If the individual travels, or if anyone in the individual's household travels, outside Manitoba after submitting this Declaration of Compliance, the individual will not attend any of the Organization's facilities, activities, programs or services until at least 14 days have passed since the date of return. Is that still a valid regulation?

The item now reads as follows:

The individual has not, nor has any member of the individual's household, travelled to, or had a lay-over in any country outside Canada, or in any province/territory deemed not okay by Manitoba Health in the past 14 days. If the individual travels, or if anyone in the individual's household travels, to areas deemed not okay by Manitoba Health after submitting this Declaration of Compliance, the individual will not attend any of the Organization's facilities, activities, programs or services until at least 14 days have passed since the date of return, unless they are exempt as per the Public Health Orders.

Are masks still required in the Curling Club?

Yes, to enter and when going to the washroom or leaving your table. And on the ice?
No

Do spectators at the Club need to be fully Vaccinated?

Yes

Is there still a medical exemption for people on mask wearing? Yes – must fall under the list of exemptions in the Public Health Orders

Are kids under 11 allowed in the Curling Club by themselves?

No – must be with a fully vaccinated parent/guardian. Kids under 11 are allowed to play sport without a parent or guardian

Is there a monetary fine if someone is not vaccinated and is caught at the club?

I'm assuming this would only be discovered if the province was doing spot-checks and someone couldn't provide proof of vaccination?

If there IS a fine, who is responsible for paying it?

- The league itself;

- OR, the individual;
- OR, the curling club?

The Facility is responsible for the fines that are incurred

Does CurlManitoba have posters available for club use supporting COVID restrictions.

No

In particular, posters indicating entry to fully immunized members and any other relevant posters.

There will be no posters from CurlManitoba as curling has resumed as normal as long as 18+ are fully vaccinated and masks are worn in the facility (in restaurant, bar, washrooms and changerooms)

Is Curl MB sending out an update on return to play with the new rules? We are unsure if we can have regular play (2 sweepers)?

We will be sending out updated Manitoba Public Health orders as they come from the Province but curling has returned to normal play

Do you know if other clubs are using the waiver form for this season and does Curl Mb and Curl Canada recommend using the form again?

CurlManitoba recommends/suggests that Clubs use the waiver form with all members.

Kids aged 12-17 – ice shed – Licensed Premises – What is the protocol?

Should your ice shed be licensed, the youth exemption applies for the ice only (field of play). If the youth is staying in the restaurant, for anything other than getting ready to curl, proof of vaccination would be required as per Health Order 7 (Restaurants) and Health Order 8 (Licensed Premises).

Is there a process for Proof of Vaccination Exemptions?

Proof of Vaccine Exemptions

Sport Manitoba has received confirmation that no other government-issued card or document, including a doctor's note, will qualify as proof of exemption.

Public Health has asked Sport Manitoba to communicate that there is an exceedingly small number of medical conditions that would exempt someone from being immunized as well as the following:

Based on the guidance of the vaccine implementation task force's medical advisory committee, people in one of three situations may be eligible for a temporary or permanent medical exemption to vaccination. This must be reviewed by a specialist physician and then submitted to the Vaccine Implementation Task Force. It includes people who:

- had a severe reaction after the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (e.g. myocarditis, Guillain-Barré syndrome);

- are receiving treatment that affects their ability to mount an immune response, meaning vaccination must be timed carefully with their treatment schedule (e.g. receiving immunocompromising treatment after a transplant, certain types of cancer treatments); or
- had a severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or its components that cannot be managed by the Health Sciences Centre Allergy Clinic.

The process to submit medical exemptions will be finalized as soon as possible, along with updated clinical guidance for healthcare professionals. The province is also developing a way to ensure individuals with a valid medical exemption are able to access the same benefits as those with an immunization card. This work is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

In the interim, until this process is finalized, you should refuse access to those 18+ who cannot show proof of vaccination.

Are Board Members of a Club considered staff and do they need to be vaccinated to do their job at the Club?

Coaching staff, volunteers and participants who are patrons of, associated with teams at, or renting space or time at the facility are considered to be members of the public. Indoor sporting and recreational facilities may only operate if the operator restricts admission to the facility to members of the public who:

- produce proof that they are fully immunized;
- produce proof from the Government of Manitoba that there is a medical reason for the person not to receive a vaccine for COVID-19; or
- are under 18 years of age.

People who are unimmunized, for any reason, remain at significantly higher risk to become infected and to suffer more severe outcomes from the virus than those who are fully immunized. Therefore, the public health orders require members of the public to provide proof of immunization in certain settings in order to control the risk and spread of COVID-19.

Immunization for staff is highly recommended but not a requirement in all settings at this time. Factors such as employment law, employment agreements, health and safety obligations, privacy and human rights related obligations should be considered when an employer makes a decision about immunization requirements for their staff.

The Human Rights Commission has published a guideline on [Human Rights and COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements](#) that provides information about rights and responsibilities in relation to these issues.

The current COVID-19 Prevention Orders came into effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 3, 2021. For more information about the current Orders and any changes that may take effect once the current Orders expire, please visit the [Government of Manitoba's COVID-19 State of Emergency and Public Health Orders website](#).