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Current Guidelines for Special Olympics Saskatchewan Gatherings

Based on the Province of Saskatchewan's requirements regarding mask wearing and proof of vaccinations, Special Olympics Saskatchewan (SOS) has updated our guidelines.

These requirements are current and fluid. SOS will continue to evaluate and adapt as new information becomes available, always keeping the health and safety of our athletes, and all stakeholders, as the highest priority.

Proof of Full Vaccination Requirement Effective Oct. 1, 2021

- **All athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, staff, family, and spectators (age 12 years+)** participating in or attending any Special Olympics in-person indoor or outdoor gathering including but not limited to, sport programs, meetings, fundraisers, workshops, and special events will be required to provide proof of full Covid-19 vaccination status.
 - When proof of full Covid-19 vaccination will be required
 - SOS registered members - required to validate their eligibility on the program roster either at registration for the 2021-22 program year or at the first program session they attend.
 - Non-registered attendees - required at each and every gathering.
 - Facilities may require proof of full Covid-19 vaccination each and every time anyone enters. Know what your facilities require.
 - Accepted forms of full Covid-19 vaccination (accompanied by government issued ID)
 - Your Government issued Covid-19 Proof of Vaccination (QR Code)
 - Your MySaskHealthRecord vaccination status
 - Your Record of Covid-19 Immunization wallet card
 - Note: Your information will not be copied or stored, you will simply be confirmed as eligible by the person verifying your Proof of Vaccination.
 - Full Covid-19 vaccination definition
 - 14 days after receiving a second dose
- **Athletes, family, and spectators aged 11 years and under do not need to provide proof** of full Covid-19 vaccination status, to participate at this time.
 - At this time, we encourage family members and spectators aged 11 years and under to **not** attend SOS gatherings when possible.
- **SOS School Programs** will follow guidelines and requirements that are in line with Public Health orders and school/school division policies.
 - School Based Programs definition
 - Children and youth curricular and extracurricular programs that are administered by the school and are registered with SOS as a school program.



- In any situation where the facility requirements are stricter than Special Olympics Saskatchewan rules, participants shall defer to the facility requirements.

Mask Requirement Effective Immediately

- **All athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, staff, family, and spectators** participating in or attending any Special Olympics in-person gathering will be required to wear a mask at all times unless stated below.
 - Who can remove their mask and when
 - SOS **athletes** aged 17 years and under may remove their masks on the field of play.
 - SOS **athletes** over the age of 17, at any gathering where the proof of full vaccination is collected for everyone, may remove their masks on the field of play. Coaches, officials, and spectators must still wear masks at all times.
 - Facilities and coaching staff also reserve the right to request that masks remain on at all times.

Proof of Vaccination Exemptions

- Exemptions including proof of negative test procedures will be considered and reviewed on a case-by-case basis, consistent with provincial health guidelines.
 - If you want to pursue an exemption contact Faye Matt at fmatt@specialolympics.sk.ca or 306-780-9277 and/or Ben Lozinsky at blozinsky@specialolympics.sk.ca or 306-780-9423.
 - In some cases, facilities may override an exemption that SOS accepts.
- For those who cannot provide proof of vaccination and do not receive exemptions, SOS will continue to offer some virtual programming that athletes and volunteers can participate in.
 - Virtual options include
 - SOS virtual meetups/socials
 - Unified Sports Invitational
 - Virtual training sessions with programs in your community, if possible
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