

## Student Athlete COVID-19 Vaccination Disclosure and Masking Requirements

### COVID-19 Vaccination Disclosure

Vaccination against COVID-19 remains the single most effective public health measure to reduce the spread of the virus. Students participating in high contact sports will be required to show proof of full vaccination (of a vaccine approved by Health Canada or the World Health Organization). Students who choose not to be vaccinated or those who are medically exempt from COVID-19 vaccination will be required to produce a negative antigen test (at their own expense) at least twice per week.

Requirement	Rationale	Operational Plan
That similar to the Provincial vaccine disclosure policy for staff, trustees, volunteers, etc., all eligible student athletes participating in high contact sports shall show proof of double vaccination or agree to regular antigen testing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There exists potential for increased transmission during high contact sports.</li> <li>2. Risk mitigation strategies reduce the likelihood of student learning disruption.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student athletes who are eligible to be vaccinated must be fully vaccinated by October 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>2. Student athletes who choose not to be vaccinated will be required to produce two negative antigen tests per week for the duration of their season.</li> <li>3. This policy will apply to the following sports: Tackle Football, Basketball, Field Hockey, Cheerleading, Hockey, Wrestling, Indoor Soccer, Ultimate and Rugby</li> </ol>

### **Implementation Timelines:**

Date	Required Actions
September 8, 2021	First Day of Classes – Principal required to share Student Athlete COVID-19 Vaccination Disclosure and Masking Plan with all members of school community.
September 8-10, 2021	Fall Sports Official Tryouts – Coaches to specifically inform all student-athletes trying out for high contact sports of the requirements. Every school/sport will designate a COVID-19 Contact Person(s).
September 13 – October 1, 2021	<p>All student-athletes participating in high contact sports will either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Show proof of 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID-19 Vaccination to designated COVID-19 Contact Person. This will clear student athlete for the remainder of the season.</li> <li>2. Show proof of 1<sup>st</sup> COVID-19 Vaccination to designated COVID-19 Coach. This will clear student athlete until October 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>3. Show proof of twice weekly negative COVID-19 antigen test from a pharmacy (see below).</li> </ol>
October 1, 2021	Student Athlete COVID-19 Vaccination Disclosure Policy goes into full effect. As of this date all student-athletes in designated high contact sports for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year will need to be fully vaccinated or show proof of twice weekly negative COVID-19 antigen test from a pharmacy (see below).

### *Rapid Antigen Testing Procedures:*

*Students who choose not to be vaccinated or those who are medically exempt from COVID-19 Vaccination will be required to produce twice weekly negative antigen tests.*

- *Weekly testing must take place at a pharmacy*
- *tests must take place no more than 48 hours before scheduled games*
- *the first test must take place Sunday, Monday or Tuesday*
- *the second test must take place Wednesday or Thursday*
- *all negative test results must be submitted to the designated COVID-19 Contact Person 24 hours prior to game*

### Student Athlete Masking

Requirement	Rationale	Operational Plan
That student athletes and coaches adhere to a high level of mask wearing and daily COVID-19 screening.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There exists potential for increased transmission when student athletes are unmasked.</li><li>2. Active daily COVID-19 screening is a highly effective risk reduction measure.</li></ol>	<p>Student Athletes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Must wear masks when indoors (including change rooms, while on the bench and when not involved in strenuous activity) and pass a daily COVID-19 screening.</li></ul> <p>Coaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Must wear masks when indoors at all times</li><li>- Recommended to wear masks outdoors when 2m distance cannot be maintained between individuals.</li><li>- Daily COVID-19 self-screening is required.</li></ul>