

# **Lethbridge School Division Restrictions Exemption Program Plan**

## A. Screening Process and Requirements

The screening process and requirements for required documentation in the screening process applies to:

All staff, volunteers (including coaches), and event spectators

Screening process and document requirements are outlined in detail in Appendix A.

# **B.** Staff/ Volunteer Training

All staff and volunteers responsible for implementing the screening process will receive training.

Training will include:

- o Review of the process and required documentation (Appendix A).
- o Review of the importance of protecting personal information.
- o Review of policy for non-compliant individuals.

# C. Protection of Personal Information

Names of individuals in attendance will not be collected.

Staff and volunteers who are responsible for the screening process will be informed that all health records and identification of individuals will not be made public. Health records will never be collected in any manner.

# D. Communication

The following communication strategies will be implemented to communicate the program implementation and screening requirements for entrance to the event:

- Communication regarding the Restriction Exemption Program must be posted on event site.
- The plan will be posted on the division website, on school division social media, and sent to division parents by schools when it applies to events.
- School communication to parents, coaches, players, and student body as deemed necessary by the school.
- School communication to visiting teams.

#### E. Policy for Non-compliant Individuals

Individuals that cannot provide the required documents will be turned away from the event.

# F. <u>Implementation Considerations for Outdoor Sport and Recreation Activities</u>

The following special considerations apply to events that are outdoor:

- When it is anticipated that the spectator size will be large and/or there may be some spectator antagonism given the size, the school will consider hiring security. The role of security will be to deal with non-compliant spectators at the site of entrance.
- Good public health practices will be encouraged including: proper hand washing or use of hand sanitizer, respiratory etiquette, vigilance in ensuring athletes, coaches, and volunteers stay home if symptomatic. Note that individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms must isolate, in accordance with CMOH Order 39-2021
- Further implementation strategies specific to the sport or activity will be developed by schools and reviewed by the School Division Superintendent or designate.

#### G. Implementation Considerations for Indoor Sport and Recreation Activities

The following special considerations apply to events that are indoor.

- Face masks are required for spectators and volunteers.
- When it is anticipated that the spectator size will be large and/or there may be some spectator antagonism given the size, the school will consider hiring security. The role of security will be to deal with non-compliant spectators at the site of entrance.
- Good public health practices will be encouraged including: proper hand washing or use of hand sanitizer, respiratory etiquette, vigilance in ensuring athletes, coaches, and volunteers stay home if symptomatic. Note that individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms must isolate, in accordance with CMOH Order 39-2021
- Further implementation strategies specific to the sport or activity will be developed by schools and reviewed by the School Division Superintendent or designate.

# **APPENDIX A**

# SCREENING PROCESS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

# A. Screening Process

Screening processes apply to all attendees EXCEPT FOR: athlete participants and children under the age of 12 at the point of entry. If an individual cannot produce the required documentation, they will not be allowed to enter.

#### Required Documentation

- 1.1 Proof of vaccination. Proof of vaccination includes:
  - o Valid Government of Alberta Vaccination QR code, or



 Canadian armed forces immunization record, displaying the name, type of vaccine and date of administration, or



An immunization record from another Canadian Province or Territory, displaying the name, type of vaccine and date of administration, or



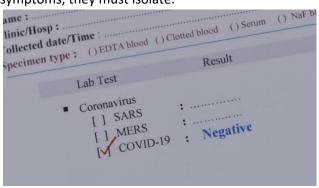
o An original (non-copied) medical exemption letter.

- o Dates important for vaccination records:
  - The date of administration of the last required dose in the series is at least fourteen days prior to the date of the event.
    - Up to October 25: At least one dose is required at least 14 days prior.
    - October 25 and later: Two doses of a two-dose series are required, with the second at least 14 days prior. (Note that the Janssen vaccine is the only Health Canada approved vaccine that requires only a single dose for a complete series).

OR

# 1.2 Proof of negative test result.

- The test result should be a written or printed copy that indicates the individual has tested negative for COVID-19 on a Health Canada approved rapid antigen, rapid PCR, or lab-based PCR test approved by Health Canada or the lab accreditation body of jurisdiction.
- It must clearly outline the laboratory that completed the test if applicable (e.g., DynaLIFE), the type of test, time of sample collection, and clear indication of a negative result. A picture of a rapid test result taken off site is not sufficient for this purpose.
- Individuals must not bring completed rapid tests or self-tests to operators, as they can pose a communicable disease risk.
- Testing must not be sourced from the Alberta Health Services public COVID-19 testing system. This system is currently reserved for symptomatic individuals and those in outbreak situations. If an individual has COVID-19 symptoms, they must isolate.



OR

# 1.3 Valid Medical Exemption

- A valid medical exemption is the original signed letter from a physician or nurse practitioner that includes:
  - o The name of the person in the written documentation that matches the identification provided.
  - o The physician's or nurse practitioner's information is complete by including: name, phone number, contact information, professional registration number, and signature of the physician or nurse practitioner; statement that there is a medical reason for the

individual's exemption from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and the duration that the exemption is valid.

2. Valid personal identification for individuals 18 years or older. The name and the date of birth of the individual listed on the proof of immunization or testing must be matched with the name and date of birth on the identification (for 18+). Accepted personal identification includes: birth certificate, citizenship card, driver's licence, Government (Alberta or other) issued identification card, including health card, Metis card, Treaty card, Inuit Status card, or Passport, or Permanent Resident card.



o Individuals who are under the age of 18 do not need to show personal identification.