



Turtle River School Division

Box 309 – McCreary, MB R0J 1B0
Telephone: (204) 835-2067 – Fax: (204) 835-2426
Website: trsd.ca

Beverly Szymesko
Superintendent of Schools

Shannon Desjardins
Secretary Treasurer

New School Extra-Curricular Sports Rules Coming into Effect

November 25, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians & Caregivers;

Earlier this month, Manitoba Public Health has shared the following information around ***Extra-Curricular Sports Participation Rules*** for vaccine eligible children in Manitoba, more specifically, all students ages 12 and up.

Beginning December 6, 2021, ALL students aged 12 and over must provide proof that they are vaccinated or provide a negative rapid antigen test every 72 hours to their school principal in order to be eligible to participate in school extracurricular sports. *Please note that this will not affect your child's regular Physical Education classes as they are part of the curriculum and not included as part of this health order.* As a result of this announcement, Turtle River School Division will be putting in procedures at the school level in order to meet the requirements for our students to participate in indoor extracurricular sports, including practices, games, and intramurals.

New Health Order from Manitoba Education:

In an effort to slow the rising transmission of COVID-19 in our communities, the current public health orders will be changing in regards to indoor sports and recreation as follows:

“Starting on December 6, 2021, all students who are eligible to be vaccinated must provide proof of vaccination to participate in indoor extra-curricular sports or show proof of a recent negative rapid antigen test. The negative test needs to come from a participating pharmacy and be confirmed by a pharmacist, not a provincial testing site. Students with one dose will be permitted to participate without testing. Students will not require proof of vaccination to participate in physical education, as this is part of the school curriculum.”

“Learning today for tomorrow”

Over the coming days, Turtle River School Division school principals will begin to verify and only record confirmation indicating that they have verified the vaccination status of students who wish to share their status with the school in order to participate in school sports as of December 6, 2021.

- Providing proof of vaccination to the school principal is voluntary and optional.
- Students who choose to share their status will be recorded as a "Y".
(Yes, able to participate in extra-curricular indoor sports)
- All documentation collected will be kept confidential and secure as required under the Public Health Information Act and strictly be used for only this intended purpose.
- No record will be collected for those students/families who choose not to share their vaccination status.
- Unvaccinated students who choose to share a pharmacist confirmed negative rapid antigen test result must provide that information to their school principal prior to each practice, game, etc... The test results must be confirmed by a pharmacist and dated a maximum of 72 hours prior to each practice, bus departure, or game time.
- Intramurals/Open-Gyms are considered extra-curricular.

Acceptable forms of proof of vaccination:

- Manitoba or Pan Canadian Immunization Card (digital or physical) (QR Code), or
- A secure printed provincial immunization record from either public health or the Shared Health online portal that shows immunization date(s),

Should you require more information or have any questions, please contact your local school principal.


Sincerely,
Bev Szymesko

“Learning today for tomorrow”