



Park West School Division

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Date: Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Topic: **Update to parents, guardians, and staff**

Community Use:

- The pause on community use of schools will be extended to January 1.

Travel Guidelines:

- With Black Friday this week and winter travel possibilities in the near future, we have developed an overview of requirements for travelers upon return to Manitoba
- See attached document *May I Attend School or Work After Travel?*

Vaccine Requirement for Extracurricular Participation:

- Park West School Division will be implementing procedures at the school level in order to meet the new Public Health requirements for student participation in indoor extracurricular sports, including practices and games. Intramurals, open gym during noon hour, and home team activities (where applicable) are considered extracurricular for this order.
- Manitoba Public Health has shared the following information around extracurricular sports:
 - In an effort to slow the rising transmission of COVID-19 in our communities, the current public health orders will be changing.
 - Starting on December 6, 2021, **all students aged 12 to 17** 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.
- Park West School Division principals or designated school office staff (secretaries, vice principals) will record the vaccination status of students who wish to share their information in order to participate in extracurricular school sports from December 6, 2021. Providing proof of vaccination is optional.
- Local school collection of vaccination information for extracurricular participation may begin on November 29, 2021.
- Students who choose to share their status will be recorded as a “Y” (Yes, able to participate in extra-curricular indoor sports).
- No record will be collected for those students/families that 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, activity, 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.
- Acceptable forms of proof of vaccination:
 - Manitoba or Pan Canadian Immunization Card (digital or physical) (QR Code)
 - A secure printed provincial immunization record from either public health or the Shared
 - Health online portal that shows immunization date(s)