

**Questions from Sport Manitoba re PHO – Proof of Vaccination for 12–17 year olds
Participants/Spectators
Comes into Effect on December 6, 2021**

Q+A

1. Testing

a. What is the actual test? Anti-gen or PCR?

Rapid Antigen Test approved by a pharmacist 72 hours prior to entering a facility

b. Is there more than one option?

Proof of vaccination (one dose or two) or a negative Antigen Test confirmed by a pharmacist. Other options are not yet known. Provincial testing sites are not to be used for testing for this PHO.

c. Cost of test(s)?

Prices determined by the pharmacies (Note: Chair of Pharmacist's Association was quoted in Winnipeg Free Press earlier this fall saying range is \$50-100, other sources suggest \$40 on average)

d. 72-hour requirement – within?

72 hours prior to entering facility for a game or practice – or to watch a game or practice as a spectator

2. Testing sites – pharmacies and/or family doctors? – concern that may not be available in small communities

Participating pharmacies where available. Other options will need to be considered/explored for rural or remote areas that may not have a nearby pharmacy.

3. Proof of immunization

a. If 12 – 17 have different proof of vaccination, will that also be acceptable for 18+ instead of QR code?

The new orders do not appear to offer an alternative proof of vaccination option for 18+. QR codes are still the expectation.

b. Can a negative test be used for 18+?

No

4. Vaccination confirmation

- a. Who are negative tests presented to? Facility or team representative?

Not known at this point – more discussion required to determine the best option

- b. Concerns that facilities are turning over responsibility for checking QR codes to volunteers – increases the problem

Concern noted, requires more discussion

- c. Needs to be clear what acceptable proof for 12-17 is – paper?

The assumption is that this question refers to proof of vaccination and what is acceptable ID for someone who is 12 – 17. Proof of vaccination can be printed or saved to phone from shared health (will provide link).

Waiting for GOVT to confirm what is acceptable proof of ID – student cards?

5. Timing of 2nd shot

- a. 12-17 required by Dec 6th – when will 2nd dose be required? After 2nd dose will 12-17 receive QR code/card?

2nd doses would be administered on the timelines as prescribed by public health. There is a waiting period between first and second doses. 12-17 will be able to request QR code/card

- b. Athletes turning 12 in early 2022 – is there a transition period to allow them to receive first dose?

Unknown at this time.

6. Will vaccination be required if 5 – 11 years are approved for the vaccine?

To be determined. There are no PHO yet for 5-11 year olds. This may become clearer as the vaccination rollout begins for 5-11 year olds. The Province provided a news release on Nov. 17, 2021 with more details on this. There are 125,000 children between the ages of 5 – 11 years olds living in Manitoba.

7. If 12-17 year olds are required to be vaccinated to participate in sport will that also be required to spectate? This is key to determining whether sport leagues and teams can help with checking vaccination status or it will fall back completely to facility owners/operators.

The new orders apply to both participants and spectators