



# **2021/22 SEASON**

VACCINATION AND MASK
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

#### **VACCINATION POLICY**

The WRL believes that the safety of our players and fans is paramount and as such the WRL require all U14 and up teams and all individuals on the roster to be fully vaccinated in order to play without restriction.

\*Fully Vaccinated means individuals having received the full series of Vaccines authorized in Canada at least 14 days before any WRL activity. <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines.html</a>

## SAFETY AND VACCINATION DIRECTIVES

The WRL will require all U14 and up teams to have all individuals on the roster to verify their QR Code to the WRL Covid Committee (WRLCC) or WRLCC designate prior to participating in any league activities. More information on Proof of Immunization can be found by visiting:

https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunizationrecord/index.html

Any player or rostered individual not fully vaccinated must produce a negative PCR Covid Test taken within 72 hours before the individual may participate in any WRL activity. Results must be verified and confirmed by the WRLCC.

<sup>\*</sup>The test must be performed using a COVID-19 molecular polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

<sup>\*</sup>Ongoing tests WILL be required throughout the 2021/22 season for unvaccinated individuals until such time they meet fully vaccinated requirements.

<sup>\*</sup>It will be the responsibility of the individual to organize and cover the costs associated with required PCR tests.

Any player or rostered individual that is not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a non-medical mask at all times while inside an arena at a WRL activity - Including while actively participating in on-ice and off-ice indoor activity (games, workouts, etc.).

Non-medical mask must be worn properly to cover one's nose and mouth at all times. Penalties will be assessed should individuals on the roster not wear the mask properly during games.

Any player or rostered individual not fully vaccinated and are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case will be required to self-isolate for at least 14 days before resuming participation in the WRL. Any player or rostered individual who are Fully Vaccinated and are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case are EXEMPT from self-isolation requirement. <a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html#exemptions">https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html#exemptions</a>

It is imperative that the WRL offer a safe environment and mitigate risk for Any player or rostered individual. The WRL believes that this can be achieved either through the completion of a full vaccination series of doses or with regular PCR testing for those who are unable or unwilling to get fully vaccinated or until such time an individual completes their full vaccination series of doses.

**Please Note:** The vaccination directives as outlined may be subject to change and do not preclude future public health orders.

## **NEGATIVE PCR COVID TEST RESULTS SUBMISSION**

#### PCR Covid Test must be taken within 72 hours before the individual may participate in any WRL activity.

- Ongoing tests WILL be required throughout the 2021/22 season for unvaccinated individuals until such time they meet fully vaccinated requirements.
- It will be the responsibility of the individual to organize and cover the costs associated with required PCR tests.

Results must be presented to a WRLCC Member or WRLCC designate.

## **REMINDERS**

- The responsibility for providing the information requested in order to participate in the WRL will be up to the individual (or parent).
- > The WRLCC will not be responsible for trying to hunt anything down.
- The Name on the roster must match the name on the QR Code and/or Negative PCR COVID Results EXACTLY.
- QR Codes must be verified before the player or rostered individual are considered eligible. If not confirmed by the WRLCC, the individual will be considered not fully vaccinated and therefore fall under the not fully vaccinated requirements.
- The QR Code or negative test must be verified prior to the game with enough time for the WRLCC to confirm and send a confirmation.
- > Verification of the QR code after game will not count for that game. Refer to ineligible player rule

#### NO QR Code – considered not fully vaccinated

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<sup>\*</sup>The test must be performed using a COVID-19 molecular polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

<sup>\*</sup>Ongoing tests WILL be required throughout the 2021/22 season for unvaccinated individuals until such time they meet fully vaccinated requirements.

<sup>\*</sup>It will be the responsibility of the individual to organize and cover the costs associated with required PCR tests.

#### **NOT FULLY VACCINATED**

Any player and bench staff not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a non-medical mask at all times while inside an arena at a WRL activity - Including while actively participating in on-ice and off-ice indoor activity (games, workouts, etc.).

Non-medical mask must be worn properly to cover one's nose and mouth at all times. Penalties will be assessed should individuals on the roster not wear the mask properly during games.

Game sheets are monitored and if we see a pattern of repeated violations suspension may be assessed.

## **ALL LEVELS OF WRL - U10 TO OPEN**

During game play for all bench staff and non active players (injured or 2<sup>nd</sup> goalie), fully and/or not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a non-medical mask at all times while on the bench.

Non-medical mask must be worn properly to cover one's nose and mouth at all times. A delay of game penalty will be assessed should the Player/ Bench Staff not wear the mask properly during a game.

Game sheets are monitored and if we see a pattern of repeated violations suspension may be assessed and/or association may be fined.

#### **COVID CLOSE CONTACT**

#### **FULLY VACCINATED**

Any player and bench staff identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case, but has received both vaccine doses, may be exempt from needing to self-isolate (quarantine), provided:

They have no symptoms, and it has been more than 14 days since their 2nd dose, and they do not have a medical condition that could compromise effectiveness.

#### **NOT FULLY VACCINATED**

Any player and bench staff not fully vaccinated and identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case, will be required to self-isolate for at least 14 days before resuming participation in the WRL.