Saskatchewan Alpine COVID-19 Vaccination Policy FAQ's

This document will be updated on an ongoing basis to help answer member questions. Highlighted questions signify new updates since distribution.

1. **What is accepted proof of vaccination?**

   Accepted proof of COVID-19 vaccination includes:

   - Individual COVID-19 vaccination records available through eHealth Saskatchewan's individual MySaskHealthRecord accounts

   - Individual COVID-19 vaccination QR code available through eHealth Saskatchewan's individual MySaskHealthRecord accounts

   - Immunization wallet card received at the time of vaccination from the Saskatchewan Health Authority or other Provincial health authority COVID-19 immunization records from Saskatchewan (or other Provincial) Public Health

2. Who is considered fully vaccinated?

An individual is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 14-days after they have received:

- The second of two doses of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer/Comirnaty, Moderna/Spikevax) or AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria)/COVIDSHIELD (all interchangeable between the two doses), or

- 1 dose of Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine

  More information can be found on the Government of Saskatchewan's website HERE

3. Will my proof of vaccination be collected and stored?

No, your proof of vaccination will not be collected and stored. Once an individual's vaccination status has been verified, there is no further need for retention of such records.

4. Who can I provide my proof of vaccination to?

Proof of vaccination is required by Saskatchewan Alpine. However, a designate from your Club will need to verify that information. Once verified, the form will be forwarded to Saskatchewan Alpine office via email to sask.ski@sasktel.net. Once individuals are verified it is determined there is no further need for retention of such records. Saskatchewan Alpine is trusting each club/team to comply with the policy.

*Note:

- Saskatchewan Alpine will not collect or store individuals' proof of vaccination records.
- A form has been created to assist clubs in collecting the information.

5. Do spectators need to show proof of vaccination?

No, spectators are not required to show proof of vaccination under Saskatchewan Alpine COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. Review resort polices as required.

6. **What is a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine?**

   Information on Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines can be found HERE. Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines include:

   - Moderna/Spikevax
   - Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty
   - AstraZeneca/Vaxzevria
   - Janssen/Johnson & Johnson

7. **What if my 14-day post vaccine period is not completed by November 10, 2021?**

   If you have received a completed series of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine by November 10, 2021, masks will be required until 14-days after your second dose.

8. **What is a Saskatchewan Alpine sanctioned activity?**

   - Training sessions in province or out-of-province. (Including off snow, team training, dryland, etc.)
   - All High-Performance training, racing in and out-of-province.
   - Athlete evaluations.
   - Saskatchewan Alpine Cup Races.
   - Coach Education.
   - Officials Training.
   - Meetings; particularly meetings of the Board of Directors, general meetings, committee meetings, and parent orientations.
   - Come Try Skiing events.

10. **What is the plan for athletes that are turning 12 during the season?**

    Saskatchewan Alpine is aware this might affect some of our athletes and we're committed to working on an easy transition. The provincial government is mandating proof of vaccinations for certain businesses so we feel they will have a plan for this age category that we can adopt. We will communicate that plan in the coming weeks.

11. **Do I need to continue wearing a mask after I receive my vaccination?**

Saskatchewan Alpine will follow current protocols as identified by current mandates from the Government of Saskatchewan. If resorts have certain mandates, we will abide the regulations set. Please ensure that you familiarize yourself with the current requirements.

12. **Are there any exemptions to the proof of vaccination requirement due to medical reasons? What proof is required?**

Individuals applying for a medical exemption must provide a written document completed and supplied from either a physician designated as an MD, or a Registered Nurse in the Extended Class designated as RN(EC) or Nurse Practitioner (NP). The exemption must state that the individual is exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time-period for the medical reason. The accommodation is only acceptable for the timeframe indicated by the medical professional within the documentation, including the date the individual is seeking access to the sanctioned event. Saskatchewan Alpine is not allowed to keep this document and it must be kept by the individual and shown upon request.

13. **Can facilities/resorts apply stricter measures than what is outlined in the Saskatchewan Alpine COVID-19 Vaccination Policy?**

Yes, facilities/resorts are allowed to impose stricter measures. If this occurs, Saskatchewan Alpine and all their athletes, volunteers, spectators, and family members, must abide by these rules.

14. **What happens if I ignore this requirement, or provide false or fraudulent documentation?**

Individuals who do not provide proof of vaccination or who have not received a completed series of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine will not be eligible to participate in any Saskatchewan Alpine sanctioned event until such time they present satisfactory evidence that they are fully vaccinated.

Individuals providing false or fraudulent documentation will be subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including permanent expulsion from Saskatchewan Alpine.

15. **Do coaches and volunteers still need to wear a mask now that there is a Vaccine Policy?**

There are no exemptions for coaches or volunteers. Masks are to be always worn as it is a Provincial Health Order. The Vaccine Policy allows for athletes to remove masks only.