



# City of Moose Jaw COVID-19

Masking & Proof of Vaccination Guidelines  
Recreation Facilities & Mosaic Place

Effective: October 1, 2021



# OVERVIEW

**Please Note: This document is subject to change and will be updated as further information becomes available regarding the Provincial Public Health Orders.**

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced new public health measures to address health care capacity pressures caused by rising case COVID-19 rates, primarily driven by the unvaccinated population.

## **Mandatory Masking Indoor Public Spaces**

Effective Friday, September 17, 2021 an interim province-wide mandatory masking order was implemented for all indoor public spaces, including schools.

Indoor public spaces are any enclosed space other than a private home or dwelling. This may include but is not exclusive to workplaces, retail locations, **recreational venues**, eating and dining establishments and professional buildings.

## **Proof of Vaccination**

Effective October 1, 2021, a provincial requirement for proof of vaccination or negative test will be implemented for public access to a list of establishments, businesses and event venues that bring groups of people together, including:

- **Event and entertainment venues, including conference centres, casinos, movie theatres, concert venues, live-music venues, museums, and indoor facilities hosting ticketed sporting events;**
- **Indoor fitness centres, and gyms.**

Children under the age of 12 are exempt from the proof of vaccination or negative test requirement.

Proof of vaccination will not be required for the following:

- **Facilities hosting non-ticketed amateur sporting events, including youth athletics and recreational leagues;**

In response to these new measures, the City of Moose Jaw in conjunction with Mosaic Place has created masking and proof of vaccination guidelines for all City owned facilities.

# 1. Definitions

For the purpose of these guidelines:

“**City**” means the City of Moose Jaw.

“**COVID-19 Vaccination**” means a dose of single course COVID-19 immunization or dual course COVID-19 immunization series approved for use in Canada (as may be updated from time to time) and which currently includes:

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine;
- iCOVID-19 Vaccine Moderna;
- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD COVID-19 Vaccine; or
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine.

“**First Dose**” means the first dose of a dual course COVID-19 immunization series approved for use in Canada.

“**Fully Vaccinated**” means two (2) weeks after either:

- a person who has received the Single Dose of a single course COVID-19 Vaccination; or
- a person who has received the Second Dose of a dual course COVID-19 Vaccination;

Where multiple doses of a COVID-19 multiple-dose vaccination or series of vaccination doses approved for use in Canada are required, a person who has received the most advanced vaccination dose that the individual is eligible for.

“**Negative COVID-19 test**” means either:

“**COVID-19 PCR Test**” – A Saskatchewan Health Authority approved polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for COVID-19 is a molecular test that analyzes your upper respiratory specimen, looking for genetic material (ribonucleic acid or RNA) of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19

“**COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test**” – A Saskatchewan Health Authority approved rapid detection test (RADTs, or rapid tests), that potentially identify positive cases (within 15 minutes) to help reduce the spread of the virus and prevent outbreaks.

“**Partially Vaccinated**” means a person who has received the First Dose of a dual course COVID-19 Vaccination.

“**PerfectMind Recreation Account**” means the online member account that has been created in the City’s PerfectMind Recreation software for members and regular users of City facilities.

“**Second Dose**” means the second dose of a dual course COVID-19 immunization series approved for use in Canada.

“**Single Dose**” means the first dose of a single course COVID-19 immunization series approved for use in Canada.

“**Unvaccinated**” means a person who is not fully vaccinated.

“**Vaccination Status**” means whether a person is unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or fully vaccinated.

## 2. Mandatory Masking Guidelines

Effective September 17, 2021, non-medical face masks are required when accessing all City of Moose Jaw indoor facilities. Masks must be worn in all areas of the facilities including the lobby, change rooms, dressing rooms, and viewing areas.

### Masking Exemptions for Individuals:

- Individuals aged two and under.
- Individuals aged three to twelve who are not reasonably able to wear a face covering.
- Individuals who, due to cognitive impairment, an intellectual disability, or a severe mental health condition, are unable to understand the requirement.
- Individuals 18 years of age and older while participating in athletic or sports activities, for the duration of the sport or activity only, subject to compliance with the Proof of Vaccination guidelines described in Section 3.
- Individuals who are under the age of 18 years while participating in athletic or sports activities, for the duration of the sport or activity only.
- Individuals who, in the determination of a health professional, are unable to wear a face covering due to a particular medical condition and have provided written confirmation which includes:
  - The name of the individual to whom the exemption applies.
  - The name of the issuing health professional.
  - The telephone number of the issuing health professional.
  - The signature of the issuing health professional.
  - The date the written confirmation was provided.

### Circumstantial Masking Exemptions:

- When leaving the dressing/change room and proceeding directly to the activity and when returning to the dressing/change room once activity is complete.
- Where the short-term removal of the face covering is necessary for the purposes of identifying an individual.
- While seated and consuming food or a beverage in a restaurant, food court at a shopping centre or food store, bar, movie theatre or in any other location where food or beverages are served.
- While participating in aquatic activities, for the duration of the activity only.

- While providing personal support services to an individual with a disability if wearing a face covering could hinder the ability of that individual to receive the service, such as hindering that individual's ability to lip read.

**Mask Type Recommendations:**

- Regardless of the type of mask, it should fit snugly so air is not escaping from the sides.
- Medical masks are the best choice and often block more respiratory droplets than cloth masks.
- Cloth masks with at least three layers of a tightly woven fabric, like cotton, work best. A middle layer with a filter-type fabric will block more respiratory droplets.
- Face shields, bandanas, and gaiter masks are not appropriate face coverings. They are ineffective at blocking respiratory droplets.

### 3. Proof of Vaccination Guidelines

Effective Friday, October 1, 2021, proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result will be required for the following:

- Access to the Yara Centre fitness centre and walking track.
- Access to land fitness classes.
- Ticketed sporting events at all facilities.
- Ticketed live music and concert events at all indoor facilities.
- Conference centre at Mosaic Place. (Further information below)
- For the removal of masks for individuals 18 years of age and older while participating in athletic or sports activities, for the duration of the sport or activity only.
- For the removal of masks for on-ice/on-court/on-field game officials while officiating in sports activities, for the duration of the activity only.

The Proof of Vaccination requirements do not apply to:

- General access to community recreation facilities, including but not limited to, Mosaic Place, Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre, Kinsmen Sportsplex Pool, Kinsmen Sportsplex Arena, Pla-Mor Palace, Yara Centre Turf Field, and community programs in local schools.
- Non-ticketed amateur sporting events, including youth athletics and recreational leagues at all facilities.
- Private gatherings such as weddings and funerals at all indoor facilities.

*Note: All third-party operated City facilities may implement additional measures over and above what is listed in this document.*

#### **Proof of Vaccination Documentation**

Proof of Vaccination Documentation must validate that a second dose was received within the last 14 days. Individuals who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated are required to provide the Proof of Negative Test as contained herein.

The following documentation will be accepted:

- Wallet cards received at time of immunization

- A printed copy of your MySaskHealthRecord (MSHR) vaccine certificate (with or without a QR code)
- A screenshot of your MSHR vaccine certificate (with or without a QR code) saved to your device
- An earlier version of your MSHR COVID-19 vaccine certificate
- A COVID-19 vaccine printout from Saskatchewan Health Authority Public Health
- A QR code/MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate uploaded to SK Vax Wallet
- Official proof of vaccine documents from other provinces may be considered

See links below to view the Government of Saskatchewan informational videos on how to access vaccine certificates:

Mobile: <https://youtu.be/CTAeJJUIUn8>

Desktop: <https://youtu.be/0GCS4EICK7o>

### **Proof of a Negative Test**

Individuals who do not have proof of vaccination have the option of providing proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from within the previous 72 hours.

Individuals requiring a negative test result have several private options on the market that will provide a rapid antigen test or a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for a fee. The cost for all proof of negative test results for asymptomatic testing will be the responsibility of the individual.

A current list of locations and labs offering testing services is available at:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-information/where>.

Self-administered take-home rapid antigen tests (e.g. pictures of negative tests) will not be accepted as valid proof of negative COVID-19 test results.

Note: Effective immediately the Saskatchewan Health Authority will not be providing testing for asymptomatic individuals giving priority to those presenting with symptoms unless identified as a close contact, have had a positive rapid antigen test, identified as part of an outbreak situation, or requiring transfer or admission to long-term care, primary care, social services or intensive care units.



## Identification Requirements

The following identification is required to accompany Proof of Vaccination Documentation and Proof of Negative Test:

- Photo ID required from anyone 18 and older.
- Youth aged 12-17 do not require ID if accompanied by an adult with proof of vaccination and ID.
- Youth aged 12 to 17, visiting without an adult, who do not have photo identification will be allowed to present other forms of government issued identification such as birth certificate or health services card.

## Collection of Information and Privacy Considerations

Visual inspections will be conducted to verify:

- Medical condition confirmation for masking exemptions
- Proof of vaccination
- Proof of negative COVID-19 test

No personal health information will be collected or stored. The individual may however agree to have a note left on their PerfectMind Recreation Account to avoid having to providing the required documentation every time they access the facility or activity.

Any questions or concerns related to the City of Moose Jaw's collection and use of personal information and personal health information pursuant to these guidelines should be directed to the City of Moose Jaw Privacy Officer at:

*Tracy Wittke, Acting City Clerk*

Email: [twittke@moosejaw.ca](mailto:twittke@moosejaw.ca)

Phone: (306) 694-4465

## Yara Centre Fitness Centre, Fitness Classes and Track Procedures

All individuals using the Yara Centre indoor track, or fitness centre and all land fitness classes **must show** proof of vaccination or negative test with acceptable ID prior to accessing the fitness centre, fitness classes or walking track.

Staff will verify the vaccination or negative test status as per the guidelines listed herein and add "Vaccination Status Verified" on the participants PerfectMind Recreation Account who are fully vaccinated for future reference. (If agreed upon by the participant) No record or copies will be maintained.

## **Mosaic Place/Ford Curling Centre Ticketed Sporting and Entertainment Event Procedures**

Proof of vaccination or negative test along with a photo ID matching the name on the vaccination record, will be checked prior to entry into Mosaic Place.

To expedite entry into Mosaic Place on event days, pre-screening for proof of vaccination or negative test may be available at Mosaic Place prior to the event. Pre-screening times will be posted on the Mosaic Place website prior to the event and an express lane for entry into the arena will be provided for those who chose to use pre-screening.

Attendees should plan to arrive earlier than normal to allow for the extra step before entering the arena.

## **Mosaic Place Conference Centre Procedures**

As of October 1, 2021, all groups and organizations renting conference space at Mosaic Place will be responsible for gathering proof of vaccination or proof a negative test from all attendees as per the Public Health Order requirements.

## **Removal of Mask Procedures for Individuals 18+ and Game Officials**

*(Only while participating in athletic or sports activities)*

Indoor Skating Participants at the Kinsmen Arena must provide proof of vaccination or negative test to the Kinsmen Sportsplex front desk in order to remove their mask.

Indoor Skating Participants at the Pla-Mor Palace must provide proof of vaccination or negative test to the on-site instructor or supervisor in order to remove their mask.

Community Program Participants have the option of providing proof of vaccination or negative test to the on-site instructor or supervisor or visiting the Kinsmen Sportsplex or Yara Centre to update their PerfectMind Recreation Account prior to their activity.

Adult sports teams and curling leagues will have the option of providing an Attestation of Compliance with Vaccination requirement (Attachment "A") prior to their activity. This will allow all team members that have been fully vaccinated to remove their mask during their activity.

Note: Yara Centre Fitness Centre and Track Fitness Classes users may remove their mask once at their individual activity as proof of vaccination or negative test is required for access.

## Attestation Form Submissions

Team attestation forms for use of the Kinsmen Arena, Pla-Mor Palace Arena, and Yara Centre can be submitted to:

*Nicole Walchuk*  
*Recreation Program Supervisor*  
[nwalchuk@moosejaw.ca](mailto:nwalchuk@moosejaw.ca)

Team attestation forms for use at Mosaic Place and the Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre can be submitted to:

Mosaic Place Ice Bookings  
*Michelle Blakley*  
*Box Office Manager/Ice Programmer*  
[mblakley@mosaicplace.ca](mailto:mblakley@mosaicplace.ca)

Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre Curling Leagues  
*Rhonda Wenarchuck*  
*Curling Programmer*  
[rwenarchuck@mosaicplace.ca](mailto:rwenarchuck@mosaicplace.ca)

All forms should be submitted 2 business days prior to the activity to allow time to review and notify the appropriate staff.

Attestation Forms will remain in effect for the duration of the activity season. Any changes to the Attestation must be immediately communicated to the individual the form was originally provided to.

## 4. Additional Measures

### User Expectations

- Guests should not visit City facilities if they have new or worsening respiratory symptoms NOT RELATED to seasonal or environmental allergies i.e. cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose OR new onset atypical symptoms including chills, aches and pains, headache, loss of sense of smell or taste.
- Guests should not visit City facilities if they are required to be in mandatory self-isolation as per the current Public Health Order.

### Additional Hygiene and Cleaning Practices

- Schedules will be developed to allow for necessary cleaning and disinfection by staff and the user groups as required.
- The City has increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces and shared equipment, such as vending machines, doorknobs, handrails, light switches, countertops, tables, equipment handles and consoles.
- The City will ensure that handwashing sinks are fully stocked with soap and paper towels.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed near doors, common use equipment, washrooms and team areas, and other high-touch locations for patrons and staff when feasible. Patrons are also encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer when possible.

### Physical Distancing

Physical distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and patrons are asked to ensure two metres between you and others from outside your household whenever possible.

## 5. Compliance and Enforcement

The City of Moose Jaw kindly requests that everyone visiting the facilities identified within these guidelines be patient and kind with staff and other customers as we all work through the new requirements.

All City staff, Mosaic Place staff, and contracted supervisors & instructors will contribute to managing compliance with Public Health Orders and City of Moose Jaw guidelines.

Staff are expected to follow the procedures set forth in the City of Moose Jaw “Ensuring Compliance to COVID-19 Guidelines” operational guideline.

Failure to comply with the Masking & Proof of Vaccination Guidelines and Public Health orders may result in the following:

- A warning will be provided for the first instance of non-compliant behaviour.
- If the patron still refuses to comply after the warning, the patron will be asked to leave the facility and an incident report will be filed.
- If the patron refuses to leave, a manager or the police will be called to assist with removal and an incident report will be filed.

NOTE: If at any point a patron becomes violent or abusive, they will be asked to leave immediately.

Facility suspensions will be initiated at the discretion of the Department Director/Manager in the following situations:

- Patron being asked to leave on more than one (1) occasion for violating the City's behavioural standards.
- Any kind of physical violence or threats toward anyone on City of Moose Jaw' premises or toward any staff or other clients at any time.
- Willful damage or destruction to City of Moose Jaw property or employee property.
- As per the Team Attestation, all team members will be banned from all City facilities for the remainder of the season should an outbreak of COVID-19 occur that can be traced back to the team or proof of team members not complying with the regulations.

**“Attachment A”****City of Moose Jaw****Team Attestation of Compliance with Vaccination Requirement**

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Sports Team), I hereby acknowledge receipt and understanding of the City of Moose Jaw Vaccination Requirement, by which all team members are over 18 years of age and have provided proof of vaccination of which we have a copy and will provide upon request to the City of Moose Jaw. Any team members that have not provided proof of vaccination will only participate while wearing masks.

We further agree that all team members will be banned from all City facilities for the 2021/22 season should an outbreak of COVID-19 that can be traced back to our team, including individual team members not complying with the regulations. Such ban will be provided in writing to the team representative.

I hereby attest that I have screened all team members prior to attendance at a City of Moose Jaw facility and have proof of vaccination which I will provide upon request to the City of Moose Jaw officials. I will not allow any team members who are unvaccinated to participate without masks.

*By signing and completing the information in this form, I represent my authority to attest to the Vaccination Requirement.*

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Team

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Date