

## COVID-19 Update – Sept 2021

Effective September 17, 2021, an interim public health order requires the use of non-medical masks in all indoor public spaces in Saskatchewan.

Effective October 1, 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:

- Indoor dining at restaurants;
- Nightclubs, bars, taverns and other licensed establishments;
- 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.

Proof of vaccination will not be required for the following:

- Retail businesses, including grocery stores;
- Places of worship;
- Fast food restaurants offering takeout and delivery;
- Health care services, professional services, or personal services;
- Hotels or other lodging;
- Facilities hosting non-ticketed amateur sporting events, including youth athletics and recreational leagues;
- Business meetings and places of business closed to the general public, unless otherwise directed by the business or employer;
- Private gatherings held at public indoor venues, such as weddings and funerals.
- Private gatherings at private residences.

**Effective on Oct. 1, all Government of Saskatchewan ministry, crown and agency employees are to be fully vaccinated or provide proof of a negative test result on a continual basis.**

**Municipal employees are not included in this order; however, as an employer, a municipality may choose to implement a policy that requires mandatory vaccinations for municipal employees.**

Municipalities need to continue providing essential services while keeping in mind the safety and health of citizens, employees and the council members. As a level of government municipalities are expected to adhere to the public health measures mandated by the Province. This includes mandatory masking in all public places, including the municipal office.

Municipal councils have a legislative requirement to hold open council meetings in which the public can attend as a delegation or an observer. If a municipality chooses to continue to hold in-person meetings, they must implement a policy for proof of vaccination or proof of negative Covid testing. Municipalities are encouraged to seek legal advice when drafting such a policy.

Alternatively, if the municipality's Council Procedures Bylaw allows it, council meetings can be held electronically. If council chooses to meet through electronic means and prohibit the public from

attending in person, they will need to consider alternative methods for the public to have access to their council meetings such as, but not limited to, live streaming, conference call or video conference.

For more information on the new health measures, visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/public-health-measures>