

## SSA COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: Why was this proof of vaccination/negative Covid-19 test requirement put in place?**

**A:** With continuing escalation of COVID-19, the health and safety of all participants is of utmost importance. These requirements were determined through extensive discussion and are in line with best practices set out by sport organizations and other events in Saskatchewan and across the country. This policy was put in place to ensure the benefits of soccer can continue to be available to members and Saskatchewan communities and to provide the safest environment possible for our participants.

**Q: Why did SSA not mandate these policies province wide?**

**A: SSA recommends all Member Organizations adopt similar policies to protect the health and safety of their members and community at large.** We respect that local Boards are in the best position to understand the needs of their members, circumstances of their community and any requirements of their municipality and/or facility operators. Furthermore, local Boards are responsible to be fully aware of the complexities of managing soccer during a pandemic and prepared to embrace their responsibilities to execute and maintain the standards necessary to keep participants safe. This is best done when decisions are made locally, after careful consideration by each Member Organization.

**Q: Is this policy in effect for Member operated tournaments, events and activities sanctioned by SSA?**

**A: NO,** unless the event is operated under the authority of the SSA itself, this policy does not impact events operated by Member Organizations.

**Q: Is this policy in effect for SSA Championships and competitions for Member Organization teams?**

**A: YES,** all teams entering SSA competitions and championships would need all participants to be in compliance.

**Q: Will my proof of vaccination be collected and stored?**

**A:** Proof of Vaccination or Negative Covid-19 test results will be viewed for each activity, each time, for verification purposes only. Participant privacy is of the utmost importance. Private medical information will only be viewed by the administrator assigned to verify your vaccination status. No information will be collected or stored.

**Q: Are there any exemptions to the proof of vaccination or negative Covid-19 test requirement due to medical, religious or other reason?**

**A: No.** However, all participants may provide a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the activity which will allow access.

**Q: Do I have to provide more than one negative test for multi-day events like tournaments?**

**A: NO.** A negative COVID test, as described above, will cover you for the duration of the multi-day event.



**Q: Do I need to continue wearing a mask after I receive my vaccination?**

**A:** At the present time, indoor masking requirements as outlined in the PHO remain in effect for all with the exception of:


- *Individuals age 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 on-field (court) officials/referees while participating in soccer activities, for the duration of the sport or activity only, so long as they are subject to a proof of vaccination policy; and*
- *Individuals who are under the age of 18 years while participating in sports, for the duration of the sport only.*

**Q: Do children under 18 have to provide identification?**



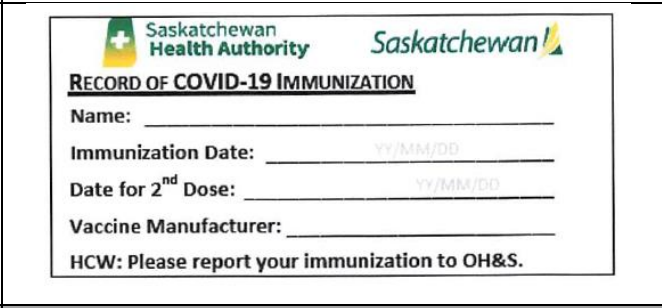
**A:** If a participant 12 to 17 years of age is unable to provide personal identification and is accompanied by a person over the age of 18 who has provided their personal identification and can verify the participants identity, then the participant(s) are not required to provide any personal identification.

**Q: What happens if someone provides false or fraudulent documentation or verification of identity?**

**A:** Individuals attempting to gain access to SSA activities through false or fraudulent documentation or identity verification put the health and safety of participants and organizers at risk and shall be subject to immediate suspension from all SSA activities, province wide, pending a hearing.

Type of Acceptable Proof of Vaccination	Example
<a href="#">Proof of Vaccination - Information for Businesses   COVID-19 Information for Businesses and Workers   Government of Saskatchewan</a>	
A QR code/MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate uploaded to <b>SK Vax Wallet</b>	
A printed copy of your MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate (with or without a QR code)	
A screenshot of your MySaskHealthRecord vaccine	



<p>certificate (with or without a QR code) saved to your device</p>	
<p>A COVID-19 vaccine printout from Saskatchewan Health Authority Public Health</p>	
<p>Wallet cards received at time of immunization. 14 days or more have passed since the individual received the last of the recommended number of doses.</p>	
<p><b>Type of Acceptable Proof of Negative Test</b></p>	<p><b>Type of Acceptable Proof of Identification</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Public Health Order - Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination or Negative Test - September 30, 2021 (pcdn.co)</a></li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Any of the following COVID-19 tests administered at a testing site approved by the Minister of Health will be considered as acceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for SARS-CoV-2;</li> <li>• a point-of-care antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 by an approved third-party testing facility.</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#">Government of Saskatchewan's website</a> for current approved testing facilities.</p>	<p>Personal Identification means one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drivers Licence including photo</li> <li>• Government issued ID card including health card</li> <li>• A birth certificate or copy of a birth certificate issued by a government of a province or territory of Canada</li> <li>• A certificate of Indian Status</li> <li>• A Metis Nation Saskatchewan citizenship and ID card</li> <li>• A passport attesting to citizenship or other national status issued by a government of any jurisdiction that includes a photograph of the holder</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Where to get Tested   Testing Information   Government of Saskatchewan</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A permanent resident or citizenship card</li> <li>• Any other form of ID issued by a government of any jurisdiction that includes a photo of the holder.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Tests</b>	
<p>A self-administered at home self-test (rapid antigen test) will <b>NOT</b> be accepted as valid proof of negative COVID-19 test results.</p>	

**Q: Can I simply provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test to be eligible to participate in an activity?**

**A:** YES, but one must be provided each instance within 72 hours of activity.

**Q: Can I use a self-administered rapid test instead of a negative COVID test?**

**A:** SSA follows the guidelines outlined in the PHO; self-tests do not provide third party verification and there is no way to ensure the results meet the current standard.

**Q: How do I download the SK Vax Wallet or SK Vax Verifier?**

**A:** Download from the app store. Here are the links to download the apps:

- SK wallet iPhone: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/sk-vax-wallet/id1585694601>
- SK verifier iPhone: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/sk-vax-verifier/id1585430532>
- SK wallet Google Play: [SK Vax Wallet - Apps on Google Play](#)
- SK verifier Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/search?q=%22SK%20Vax%20verifier%22>

**Q: How do the apps work?**



**A:** Simply download the SK Vax Verifier App, scan each code, a green bar will appear to verify the vaccination status. Please view these videos for more information:

- For Individuals - SK Vax Wallet App - <https://youtu.be/TzvFj5-A8oI>
- For Business - SK Vax Verifier App - <https://youtu.be/TczFwfl-J5Y>
- Getting Scanned - Interaction - <https://youtu.be/tgtIDosERMQ>



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