

# Memo



**To:** SYSI Players, Team Personnel, Zone Directors and Staff

**From:** SYSI Office

**Date:** Fri Jan 14, 2022

**Re:** **U5-U11 Game Pause and U11 Multi-Zone Athlete Training Pause for 14 Days**

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Dear parents and caregivers,

On Thurs Jan 13, after a lengthy discussion between Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI) staff, zone presidents and technical directors, the decision was made to **pause youth soccer games for all U5, U7, U9, and U11 teams, for a 14-day period effective Thurs Jan 13 up to and including Thurs Jan 27**, with games resuming Fri Jan 28. This decision was not made lightly and was made after lengthy consultation.

**This memo applies to:**

- U5 – U11 zone and community association league games
- U11 – U13 zone crossover league games where U11's and U13's play each other
- U11 Alliance Academy training sessions

**1<sup>st</sup> Half: Thurs Jan 13 to Wed Jan 19:**

- U5 – U11 games and U11 – U13 crossover games are cancelled however teams are able to utilize their scheduled game time as a practice field and are to split the field in half and are not permitted to scrimmage with the opposing team.
- U5 – U11 zone and community association teams may continue to attend scheduled team practices and are strongly discouraged from mixing their training session with other teams.
- U11 Alliance training is cancelled – sessions may possibly be made up at a later date.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Thurs Jan 20 to Thurs Jan 27:**

- U5 – U11 games and U11 – U13 crossover games are cancelled and will be rescheduled to a later date with high likelihood of being rescheduled to Jan 28-30, 2022.
- U5 – U11 zone and community association teams may continue to attend scheduled team practices and are strongly discouraged from mixing their training session with other teams.
- U11 Alliance training is cancelled – sessions will be made up at a later date.

By deterring game activity and training groups that encompass players from all over the city in the U5-U11 age groups should help mitigate some of the spread of COVID. Mark Millard, President of SYSI had the following to say, "Our top priority is the health and safety of our athletes and the decision was made in order to assist in reducing the spread of the latest COVID variant in Saskatoon and manage challenges our youngest teams are having in meeting minimum roster requirements for games. The youngest age groups are being affected the greatest by close contact isolation requirements due to so many youngsters aged 5-11 not yet fully vaccinated."

Millard adds, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at SYSI for their continued dedication, hard work and commitment to our athletes. And also, a thank you to all our volunteers, athletes and members for your patience, understanding and support during these challenging times. Please remain vigilant, and follow the protocols as set out by SYSI and the Saskatchewan Health Authority."

SYSI wishes to remind everyone of the COVID safety protocols in place which must be followed:

### 1. Testing Positive or Close Contacts

- When a positive case is identified using a rapid antigen test, and the individual **attended a soccer game or practice within 48 hours of testing positive**, parents/caregivers are **required to notify their TEAM COACH as well as the SYSI OFFICE immediately** by filling in the online form at <http://www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca/form/5210>
- Refer to the following article on SYSI's website regarding Close Contacts: <http://saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca/article/71606>

### 2. Wellness & Hygiene

- All participants self-monitor for symptoms, stay home if sick and seek a COVID-19 test. The [Know Your Risk checklist](#) can help you with that personal assessment. People who are fully vaccinated are no longer considered a close contact.
- All persons entering the facilities are to practice good hand hygiene before and after soccer activities and/or spectating. Wash your hands often or utilize hand sanitizer and exercise good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Sanitizer stations are available throughout the facilities. Everyone is encouraged to also bring their own for personal use.

### 2. Vaccinations

- All SYSI Team Personnel including head coaches, assistant coaches, junior coaches, trainers, instructors, technical directors, gender reps, managers, and so on, in all U5 to U19 age groups are mandated by SYSI to provide proof of full vaccination prior to participate by October 12, 2021 (no negative test option).
- Players age 18 or older playing within the SYSI League are mandated by SYSI to be fully vaccinated to participate by October 12, 2021 (no negative test option).
- All SYSI staff and directors and our member Zone staff and directors to provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or a negative Covid-19 test to participate in any in-person activity, organized and under the authority of the SYSI or our member Zones, including but not limited to camps, clinics, games, practices, try-out events, evaluations, promotional events, tournaments, competitions, and championships, in-person education sessions and meetings; effective November 15, 2021.
- Fully vaccinated participants are not considered close contacts and do not need to self-isolate unless they experience symptoms.
- We strongly encourage all eligible players, referees, volunteers, parents, and spectators to be fully vaccinated as a show of care and concern for others.

### 3. Masks

- **All persons** are required to wear a mask within the soccer facilities at all times for the exception of players or referees while actively participating on the field of play.
- **Players or referees** may only remove their mask while actively participating on the field of play and must wear a mask at all other times within the soccer centres including but not limited to field sidelines, benches, dressing rooms, hallways, etc.
- **Team personnel** within SYSI leagues will be required to wear a mask at all times within the soccer centre including but not limited to on-field.

### 4. Social Distancing

- Teams will be encouraged to social distance on the sidelines and during breaks in play, are not to shake hands or give high-fives, and are not to share water bottles.

- Physical distancing is encouraged within all areas of the facilities including, but not limited to, seating areas, main foyer, and mezzanine levels.

#### 5. Facility Measures

- Mask mandate to be adhered to by all entering facilities.
- A **vaccine mandate for [spectators aged 18+](#)** requires that all spectators age 18+ are to provide proof of full vaccination or a negative test along with a piece of government issued photo ID in order to access the Saskatoon Sports Centre and Saskatoon Kinsmen Henk Ruys Soccer Centre, effective Friday October 22, 2021.
- Additional cleaning will occur in public and high traffic areas, washrooms, and mezzanine areas.
- Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. (SSCI) is committed to providing a healthy sports environment. Our indoor facilities are equipped with mechanical ventilation systems designed to provide fresh air throughout the buildings.
- Sanitizer stations are available throughout the facilities. Everyone is encouraged to also bring their own for personal use.
- Dressing Rooms - Designated dressing rooms and showers are available no more than 30 minutes before game time. Absolutely no changing on the fields or in public areas. Please vacate dressing rooms post game within 20 minutes, or at the request of the SSCI Service Team.

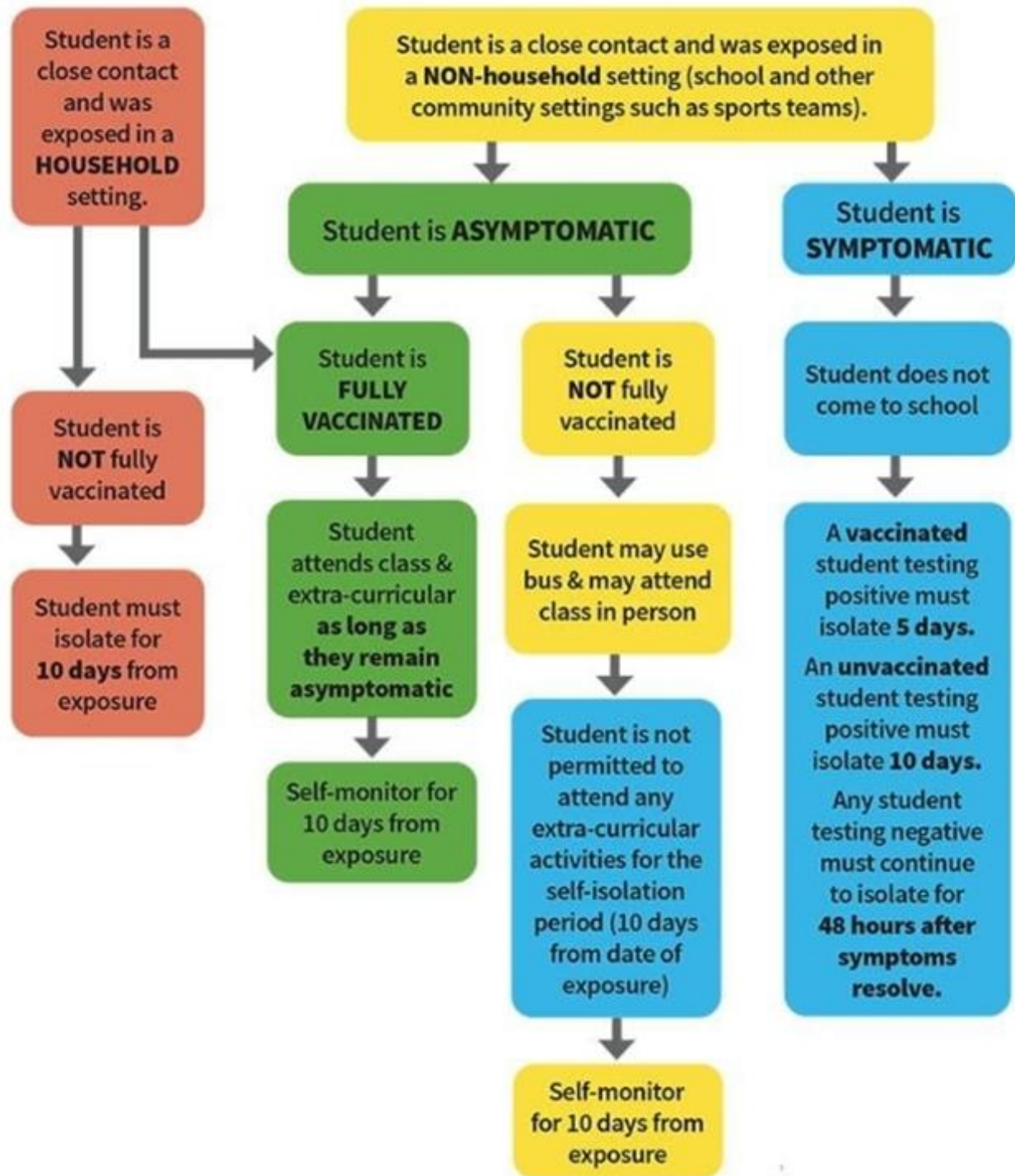
If you would like rapid antigen test kits for your family, please contact your school or city public library. As always, this process is subject to change if provincial processes and/or Public Health Orders change. The **[flowchart on the following page](#)**, from the Government of Saskatchewan, helps explain isolation requirements for close contacts. Learn more on the [Government of Saskatchewan's website](#).

We will continue to monitor the status of COVID-19 in our city, as well as the available options pertaining to your safety. The SYSI office remains closed to the public. We remain committed to our members and will continue to be available by phone and by email. We appreciate your understanding during this challenging period. Any questions can be directed to the SYSI at [info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca](mailto:info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca) or 306-975-3413 or you may contact your Zone or Community Association.

Sincerely,  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

# Saskatchewan Schools: Student Close Contact Protocol

Province-wide mask mandate applies to all.





# Self-Isolation Requirements for Students

Effective: January 5, 2022

## Vaccinated

2 doses + 14 Days since  
2nd dose of a mRNA vaccine

1 dose + 14 days since  
dose of J&J vaccine (18 + only)

**Student is a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 in any setting and is asymptomatic**

No restrictions other than the province-wide mask mandate

Student can attend class and extra curricular as long as they remain asymptomatic

Self-monitor for symptoms

**Student is a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 in any setting and is symptomatic**

Student does not come to school.

If student tests positive they must complete self-isolation of 10 days. If they test negative, they must continue to self-isolate for 48 hours after symptoms resolve.

**Student tests positive for COVID-19**

Student must self-isolate for 5 days

## Not Vaccinated

Any vaccination status other than:

2 doses + 14 Days since 2nd dose of a mRNA vaccine

1 dose + 14 days since dose of J&J vaccine (18+ only)

**Student is a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in a non household setting and has symptoms**

Student does not come to school.

If student tests positive they must complete self-isolation of 10 days. If they test negative, they must continue to self isolate for 48 hours after symptoms resolve.

**Student is a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in a non household setting and is asymptomatic**

Student may use bus and attend class in-person

Student is not allowed to attend extra-curricular activities for the duration of the self-isolation period (10 days)

Student must self-monitor for symptoms

**Student is a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the household**















Student must self-isolate for 10 days

**Student tests positive for COVID-19**

Student must self-isolate for 10 days

# Health Screening Questionnaire

All people entering the soccer centres must conduct a health screening before entering. If you have any of the following symptoms DO NOT enter the soccer centres or attend soccer team related activities. Stay at home until you are symptom free.

Fever			Nausea/vomiting/ diarrhea
Cough			Unexplained loss of appetite
Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing			Loss of sense of taste or smell
Chills			Muscle/joint aches
Sore throat/ Painful swallowing			Conjunctivitis/ Pink eye
Runny nose/ Nasal congestion			Headache
Feeling unwell/ Fatigued			Dizziness