

Bulletin #2021-58

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Municipal Relations advises that changes to the COVID-19 public health orders took effect at **12:01am** on **Saturday November 13, 2021** and will continue to be in effect until they are revoked. The current public health orders may be viewed by visiting: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/prs/index.html>. Manitoba remains at the **ORANGE: Restricted** level on the pandemic response system.

The new public health orders introduce new capacity restrictions for indoor religious services and Indigenous cultural events in Southern Health – Santé Sud, and new proof of immunization requirements for participants in youth sports and recreation.

All other public health orders issued on October 5, 2021 and October 26, 2021, as outlined in bulletins #2021-52 and #2021-55, remain unchanged.

Indoor Religious Gatherings and Indigenous Cultural Events

In Southern Health – Santé Sud (certain exclusions apply to municipalities in the Winnipeg Capital Region - see below):

May be held at 250 persons or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is lesser. The premises must be physically divided into separate areas which contain no more than 25 persons each, with adequate room for each person in each area to maintain two meters of separation from others. Groups from each area must be prevented from coming into close contact with other groups during the service, as well as while entering or exiting the premises.

No capacity limits are in place for gatherings where attendance is restricted to persons who can produce proof that they are fully immunized.

For all other health regions, the Town of Niverville, and the Rural Municipalities of St. Francois Xavier, Cartier, Headingley, Macdonald, Ritchot and Taché: may be held at 25 persons or 33 per cent capacity, whichever is greater.

No capacity limits are in place for gatherings where attendance is restricted to persons who can produce proof that they are fully immunized.

Indoor sporting and recreational facilities, including dance and martial arts schools.

Persons who are 12 to 17 years old may continue to attend these facilities without providing proof of immunization until **December 5, 2021**.

Beginning on **December 6, 2021**, persons who are 12 to 17 years old must produce proof of immunization, or a negative rapid COVID-19 test result from within the previous 72 hours, to attend these facilities. COVID-19 rapid test results must come from a participating pharmacy, as provincial testing sites should only be accessed by symptomatic individuals or those who are required to take a PCR test by public health. A negative COVID-19 rapid test may only be used instead of proof of immunization for persons who are 12 to 17 years old.

Additional information and general guidance about the impact of COVID-19 on municipal operations has been provided in previous bulletins to municipalities. These bulletins may be viewed on the COVID-19 Bulletin page in Manitoba Municipalities Online (MMO) at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfas/bulletins.html>.

If you have additional questions, please contact a Municipal Services Officer, email mrmaas@gov.mb.ca, or phone 204-945-2572.

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