



COVID-19 MESSAGE FROM ISC SKREGION

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Hello/Tansi,

A provincial mandatory self-isolation order is now in effect. As of Sept. 13, the Public Health Order mandating that anyone that tests positive for COVID-19 self-isolate for 10-days after receiving a positive test result came into effect. [Announced on Friday, Sept. 10](#), the health order [in its entirety](#) can be found on the Government of Saskatchewan's COVID-19 website. Other helpful information can be found on this page of the website: [Self-Isolation: When to Stay Home](#).

It is important to continue following local public health advice and public health measures, regardless of vaccination status. We must remain vigilant through this Delta Era of the pandemic.

Saskatchewan residents will soon be able to get a digital code showing they've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 that will be recognized both within Canada and internationally. The QR (Quick Response) code will become available to anyone with [a MySaskHealthRecord account](#) at ehealth Saskatchewan. The new vaccination proof is good news for anyone looking to attend a [growing number of events or businesses](#) now requiring proof of being fully vaccinated. The COVID Vaccination Record includes the date and location of where the vaccine was received, and the brand of vaccine administered. The QR code has been designed to meet federal requirements and will be recognized at border entry when travelling internationally.

Residents who don't have a MySaskHealthRecord account can visit this website to create one: <https://www.ehealthsask.ca/MySaskHealthRecord/MySaskHealthRecord/>. Once you have a MySaskHealthRecord account, you can also access other records such as your immunization history for other vaccines, and lab results including COVID-19 tests.

USEFUL LINKS

On Sept 14, [Saskatchewan getting vaccine proof QR code next week](#) in the Leader Post.

On Sept 16, MBC radio shared that [Northern Sask. health officials seek tightened COVID-19 restrictions](#).

On Sept 16, [automated COVID-19 test results available in Saskatchewan](#): With the increase of positive COVID-19 cases across the province, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has moved all initial notifications for COVID test results to an automated service.

On Sept 17, [an interim province-wide mandatory masking order will be implemented for all indoor public spaces](#), Government of Saskatchewan announced new measures to address health care capacity pressures caused by rising case rates, primarily driven by the unvaccinated population.

Protect your health and community



Information to Help Combat COVID-19

Interim Provincial Mandatory Masking Order Effective September 17

Effective Friday, September 17, 2021, an interim public health order is in effect requiring the use of non-medical masks in all indoor public spaces in Saskatchewan, including schools.

Exempt from the masking order will be indoor youth athletics for those under the age of 18 while they are actively engaged in athletic activity. Masking in venues hosting youth athletics will remain required for general entry and exit into the facility, along with for spectators.

Proof of Vaccination

Effective October 1, 2021 a proof of vaccination or negative test policy will be implemented. 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.

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:

- o Retail businesses, including grocery stores;
- o Places of worship;
- o Fast food restaurants offering takeout and delivery;
- o Health care services, professional services, or personal services;
- o Hotels or other lodging;
- o Facilities hosting non-ticketed amateur sporting events
- o Business meetings and places of business closed to the general public, unless otherwise directed by the business or employer.
- o Private gatherings held at an indoor public residence.

Environmental Public Health Week

Today marks the start of National Environmental Public Health Week.

Environmental Public Health Officers (EPHO) work alongside First Nations communities by providing training, education, monitoring and public health assessment services. They often work supportively in the background; however play a critical role in ensuring the safety of the drinking water supplies, foods served in restaurants and commercial kitchens and other aspects of the built environment, such as homes, schools, and daycares. Environmental Public Health Officers also provide significant supports to communities in emergency preparedness and response, both during and after emergencies, such as wildfires, floods and communicable disease outbreaks.

The contributions of EPHOs have been crucial in supporting communities during the pandemic. EPHOs have worked long hours responding to the needs of communities, while managing their own health and those of their families during these unprecedented times. Their dedication speaks to their enduring commitment of meeting the needs of First Nation communities across Canada.

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI), the national body for Public Health Inspectors and Environmental Health Officers in Canada, has identified several themes/topics for this year's Environmental Public Health Week, which include:

1. COVID-19 and the work of EPHOs.
2. Environmental health impacts of climate change and climate emergencies; and
3. The importance of environmental public health work in Indigenous communities

Please join ISC in acknowledging and thanking all of the Environmental Public Health Officers and other Environmental Public Health Professionals that serve First Nations peoples and communities in Saskatchewan.