

Dear MWSA members & community,

With the recent rise in COVID cases due to the Delta variant, MWSA is **announcing an important measure** to ensure the safety of all members, guests, volunteers, instructors, and staff as we get ready to return for the fall.

Please read this document to the end, and then, **read it again**; It's full of important details that require a timely response.

This decision was made in consultation with your Board of Directors. We recognize this is unexpected and we wish it was unnecessary. We would rather have low enrollment instead of another shutdown. So here we go...

Sincerely,

Deb Cautley
MWSA Executive Director

<p>What is the Important Measure?</p>	<p>Effective Tuesday September 14, 2021, proof of full vaccination (at least 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine) will be required to enter MWSA, including participating in programs and activities. Second vaccinations must be dated at least 14 days before the start of your activities.</p>
<p>Who does this affect?</p>	<p>This new measure applies to all members, instructors, staff, volunteers, and visitors of MWSA.</p>
<p>Why is MWSA doing this?</p>	<p>Throughout the pandemic, MWSA has been committed to the health and safety of our members, volunteers, instructors by preparing for and responding to the changing circumstances of COVID-19.</p> <p>We believe this policy is essential to providing a safe environment for our members, instructors, volunteers, and staff. It is a way to help our communities reopen safely.</p> <p>We hope this is a temporary measure, and with the recent rise in cases, we are doing our part to limit the spread of the virus and protect vulnerable people and the community.</p>

	<p>We will monitor the situation and communicate required updates to ensure a safe environment for everyone visiting our facility.</p>
<p>What type of verification can I use to prove my COVID-19 vaccination status?</p>	<p>There are three types of verification to prove your vaccination status. You only need to provide one.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The paperwork provided at the time of your second vaccination, 2. A status record from your pharmacy or doctor; or, 3. Display your Alberta Health Services - MyHealth Records on your phone and provide us a screenshot or print out the information (Visit the AHS MyHealth Records website https://myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords to get login instructions). <p>We REQUIRE that all patrons provide proof of vaccination for entry at MWSA.</p> <p>Members who already have had their vaccination statuses updated will only need to fob in at the Front Desk, i.e scan their card (plastic card with barcode) at the computer station.</p> <p>Non-members will need to bring their proof of vaccination each time.</p>
<p>What about my personal information?</p>	<p>The Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) is consent based and allows organizations to collect personal information for reasonable purposes.</p> <p>MWSA will not keep physical copies of your vaccination records. Any digital copies will be deleted once your account is updated.</p> <p>Rest assured that we will keep your personal information confidential. We will not share it externally or use it for any other purpose than to support this temporary measure.</p> <p>For further information on PIPA law, visit: https://www.alberta.ca/collecting-personal-information.aspx</p>

<p>How do I show MWSA my COVID-19 vaccination records?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send a scan or photo of your proof of vaccination to IAMVaxxed@mwsac.ca <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Visit the Centre in person during our office hours, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1 – Bring your proof of vaccination, and make sure your mask is on before you enter the building. • Step 2 – Sanitize your hands upon entering. • Step 3 – Look for the “Proof of Vaccination” station in the lobby. • Step 4 – Provide your proof to MWSA staff person and we’ll update your records in the confidential MWSA registration system. <p>We recommend that members avoid the line-up and delays by providing proof as soon as possible, not just on the first day of your class or planned activity.</p> <p>Members, please provide proof of vaccination to the email: iamvaxxed@mwsac.ca by Sept 30, 2021.</p>
<p>How do I book a vaccination appointment?</p>	<p>Vaccinations can be booked through AHS, pharmacies, at a doctor’s office, or by calling 811. Click here to visit the Government of Alberta website to learn more.</p>
<p>What happens if I am NOT fully vaccinated?</p>	<p>Members and guests who are not fully vaccinated will NOT be permitted to enter MWSA, and partake in our in-person programs until they are fully vaccinated.</p> <p>If you are a member who is vaccinated after September 30, 2021, please call our Volunteer and Membership Coordinator, Brandy Devine at 780-508-9359 to make arrangements to update your records.</p>
<p>How do I transfer to another class if I am not fully vaccinated or will not have proof by</p>	<p>If MWSA is not able to reach a minimum number of participants, classes may be cancelled. You will be notified by MWSA if your class is cancelled.</p>

<p>September 30th that I am double-vaxxed?</p>	<p>Members have the option to transfer to a program offered at a later date or choose to participate in our virtual programming. For more details, please check the latest Program Guide (www.mwsac.ca/programs).</p>
<p>What about Instructors?</p>	<p>All MWSA instructors are also required to be vaccinated to teach in-person classes at the centre this fall.</p>
<p>What is your mask policy?</p>	<p>Masks are now mandatory in all public spaces and workplaces. Your mask must be secured over your nose, mouth, and chin. Masks will be available for those who need one.</p> <p>Masks must always be worn in the centre, except when exercising, jamming, floor curling, badminton, pickleball and dining in the cafe.</p> <p>If any visitor refuses to wear a mask or face covering upon entry, they will not be permitted into the facility.</p>
<p>What if I cannot get the vaccine due to physical or psychological reasons?</p>	<p>We are sympathetic to your situation and will invite you to return once our double vaccinated policy is lifted.</p> <p>We encourage you to participate in our virtual programs. For more information, go to www.mwsac.ca/programs</p>
<p>Will the 2nd Floor Cafe be open to the public?</p>	<p>Yes, the 2nd Floor Cafe will be open.</p> <p>Café patrons will be required to sanitize, wear a mask, and show proof of vaccination at the point of entry. Members who already have had their vaccination statuses updated will only need to fob in at the Front Desk, i.e scan their card (plastic card with barcode) at the computer station.</p> <p>Non-members will need to bring their proof of vaccination each time.</p>
<p>We understand that this decision will not please everyone.</p>	<p>We've heard it all! More than once from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstream and alternative media • Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, TikTok etc.

<p>If you have a...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern, or a • Comment, or a • Complaint... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionals, politicians, medical experts, family members/mothers-in-law, armchair critiques, friends and foes <p>We've heard the pros and cons...alleged facts and conspiracies. There's nothing more to add. Keep it to yourself. For every comment that can be made, a counter comment can be made.</p> <p>Our motivation in taking this drastic action is to provide a safe, comfortable, positive, and friendly environment for members (who are particularly vulnerable to the devastating effects of this virus and its variants) who have taken measures to rejoin society in a safe manner.</p> <p>We will not rid our community of this pandemic, but we may make a small impact by working together to protect each other and attempt to slow the spread.</p>
<p>On a final note...</p>	<p>We ask that you continue to be kind and patient with our amazing staff and volunteers; they are here to assist you.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that they did not make this decision, but they would love to hear your POSITIVE comments on our actions to keep you safe.</p>