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Dear Parents / Guardians and Community Members

RE: SD91 Sporting Events & Spectators

An additional Northern Health Order was issued Oct. 21st for all regions of Northern Health, east of Terrace which has an immediate impact on school sports. The order is specific to 'gatherings and events' and contains some specifics related to youth sporting events, both on and off school property, which is summarized below.

*"For youth sports events **outside of school (off school property)** that are open to the public, proof of vaccination is required for all **volunteers** and **spectators** 12 years of age and older. Child and youth **players** under the age of 22 are not required to show proof of vaccination. Spectator capacity is limited to 50% of the capacity of the facility where the event is happening."*

*"For youth sports events **inside schools (on school property)**, proof of vaccination is required for volunteers", including community coaches, "and spectators over the age of 22, and spectator capacity is limited to 50% of the capacity of the facility where the event is happening."*

As we seek greater clarity on this order and investigate ways to create procedures to comply with the order, we will be regretfully removing ALL spectator access to SD91 sporting events in the short term. We know this is a hardship to parents and students and so we will be working with our schools to come up with potential solutions.

We know that the last 18 months have been a struggle for many and that this order takes away another opportunity for families to support their children. Please watch for an update specific to student athletics and spectators in the coming weeks. As always, we thank you in advance for your understanding and support as we navigate these orders intended to make our communities safer.

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