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Letter to Families

Dear Student & Families

On Dec. 10, 2021, The Ontario Government increased measures against the spread of COVID-19. Effective December 20, 2021, youth aged 12 to 17 years participating in organized sports at recreational facilities will be required to show proof of vaccination.

HWDSB utilizes facilities owned and operated by The City of Hamilton for extra-curricular athletics for Hockey and Waterpolo. HWDSB will continue to offer extra-curricular athletic activities following all guidelines of the facilities in use, Public Health, and the Government of Ontario. HWDSB will follow all guidelines when renting space for athletics from the City of Hamilton or any other organizations. All participants of HWDSB teams will be required to follow the policies of facilities used for their chosen sport.

HWDSB programs that use City of Hamilton facilities must also follow City policy. Classes that use City facilities can continue to run but students who are unvaccinated will not be able to participate. Students unable to participate will be provided with alternative learning during quadmester two and/or re-timetabled for semester two.

Requirements of Students

- If a student chooses to participate in a sport that practices or competes in a City facility (Hockey and/or Waterpolo), they will be required to show proof of full vaccination upon entrance at the facility. This will be monitored by Facility staff.
- If the student fails to produce their proof of vaccination and appropriate identification, they will not be permitted to participate in the activity, nor enter the facility.
- The requirements above apply to students in classes or programs using City of Hamilton facilities.

HWDSB is committed to providing extra-curricular athletics and programming in a safe manner. We continue to monitor the situation in our region and across the province, following all guidance from Public Health. HWDSB will update and/or adjust sport offerings or programming at any time should changes be recommended.

Sincerely,

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