



COVID- 19 September 23, 2021 UPDATE

As one of its core principles, SaskExpress will always strive to provide a safe place for all who participate in our programming. In order to provide the safest possible environment for everyone involved with SaskExpress and adhering to provincial health regulations, we will be implementing the following requirements

Vaccinations

With the guidance and encouragement from the provincial government and the Saskatchewan Health Authority, SaskExpress will be implementing a mandatory vaccination policy for **all staff, contracted instructors and volunteers** starting on October 1st.

Everyone affected by this policy must have at least 1 dose of a vaccine by October 1, 2021, and must be fully vaccinated by October 31, 2021.

SaskExpress will not be retaining any health records for those affected by this policy. We will only be confirming the vaccination status of these individuals through scanning of the QR code method or verifying the copy of vaccination record.

While we encourage all students, who are eligible to receive a vaccination to do so, we will not be mandating students' vaccinations, considering a large portion of our students are not eligible at this time.

Parent of students are not affected by this policy unless they are volunteering with the organization.

Should there be a medical reason for which those affected by this policy can not receive a vaccination, as verified by a physician, these individuals will be exempt from the vaccination policy. Any other person who chooses not to get the vaccination for non-medical reasons, will have to meet with management to determine if alternative arrangements can be made.

Masks

As per current public health regulations, everyone entering SaskExpress facilities must wear a mask. Masking will be required for those taking classes in our facilities.

While we understand it may not be enjoyable to wear a mask while dancing, a large portion of those participating in our programming are under the age of 12 and are not eligible to be vaccinated, so in an effort to protect as many people as possible we require all to wear a mask.

We believe masking to be an effective method for reducing the transmission of Covid-19 and one of the best ways we can protect those attending classes. Should there be a medical reason for not being able to wear a mask, we will look at such instances on a case by case basis.

Hand Sanitizer

SaskExpress is requesting those who attend our facility to continue to use the hand sanitizer provided at our facilities. Hand Sanitization is an effective tool in preventing transmissible bacteria between individuals and we will continue its use.

Physical Distancing

With the restrictions lifted for physical distancing, and due to the nature of our business we will not be implementing any distancing requirements, however, the personal space of others should be respected

Cleaning

SaskExpress will be continuing with its extended cleaning protocols of cleaning all high touch surfaces frequently and will continue to use HEPA filtration systems in our spaces to provide fresh circulated air.

Sharing of personal belongings

SaskExpress continues to restrict the sharing of personal belonging amongst students and guests. Please ensure you do not share items such as water bottles, food, utensils, etc.

SaskExpress will continue to monitor the guidelines and recommendations of the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Government of Saskatchewan, and may make changes to the policies listed above at any time.

Sincerely,

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