



Pitt Meadows Secondary School

Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows

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Dear families,

In anticipation of the start of basketball season, I wanted to share with you the current Ministry of Education guidelines with respect to spectators at school events and to advise that opportunities to attend games as a spectator will be limited this season.

First, it is important to clarify that K-12 school activities are excluded from proof of vaccination requirements; as such, schools do not have the authority to require proof of vaccination at extracurricular events such as school sports.

While the current provincial guidelines permit spectators at school events, school districts are authorized to prohibit or restrict spectators within their schools at their discretion. Please note that we do anticipate opportunities to attend games will be more limited this year than in past years, as the health and safety protocols that are currently in place require additional volunteer staff resources to fully meet current guidelines.

When hosting athletic events, school administrators and athletic directors must ensure the school is adhering to provincial guidelines from the Ministry of Education and BC School Sports, as well as any applicable provincial or regional public health orders and recommendations. These currently include the following:

- Confirming that spectators have completed the daily health check prior to entering the school
- Recording the name and contact information for each spectator (and retaining this information for 45 days)
- Ensuring that spectators are limited to 50% of seating capacity (including students, staff, volunteers and spectators)
- Advising/reminding spectators about mask-wearing and other protocols as outlined in the visitor access section (p. 14) of the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12](#).
- Monitoring spectator compliance with health and safety protocols
- Assisting public health with contact tracing in the event of a confirmed spectator COVID-19 case

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to organize a safe and successful basketball season for our student athletes. Information on scheduled home games open to spectators will be shared with parents of players by their coaches.

Sincerely,


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