

Hello Harbord school community:

Please see the information below that was just sent to schools from the TDSB regarding participation in Winter Sports within the TDSB.

Student (aged 12+) Vaccination Requirement and Winter Sports

Sports and other activities are important to students' mental and physical health and overall school experience and TDSB staff have been working over the past several weeks to safely re-introduce some school sports and teams. Many families, students and staff have had questions regarding the re-introduction of sports and student vaccination.

The TDSB has made a decision to require all students aged 12+ to be fully vaccinated to participate in winter sports (e.g. basketball, ice hockey, swimming, etc.) that involve competition between schools, mixing of students and travel to other TDSB schools and/or external venues. For students participating in sports that occur only within their school and only with students from their school, vaccination is recommended but not required at this time.

This decision is consistent with recommendations from Toronto Public Health and has been made with the health and safety of students and staff in mind, as getting vaccinated helps ensure strong protection against COVID-19. The TDSB decision also follows other school boards that require student vaccination to participate in sports.

Additionally, many sports competitions and finals take place at facilities in Toronto where a vaccine mandate is already in place. In these cases, all students are required to show proof of vaccination to enter the building and would not be able to access the facility to participate if unvaccinated.

Students will be required to upload proof of vaccination to the Service Now App (see instructions below) to participate on any inter-school team. In rare cases where a student is unable to be vaccinated, we will work with Toronto Public Health and staff to develop a process to support these students so they can safely participate where possible..

With approval of the COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 year olds now approved, staff will continue to follow the guidance and recommendations provided by Toronto Public Health and establish any additional vaccination requirements for this age group as necessary.

Further information and details will be provided to families and students when available. Thank you for your continued understanding and partnership.

Instructions: How to Attest to Being Vaccinated

How to Attest to Being Vaccinated via App on your Smartphone

- Log into the TDSB Health Screening App
- Click on the "My Vaccination Status" menu item, followed by "Update Vaccination Status"
- Carefully read each question and answer appropriately
- Upload proof of vaccination* (vaccine dose administration receipts or equivalent documents)

- Click on “Add Attachment” to upload proof of vaccination

How to Attest to Being Vaccinated via Health Screening Web Portal

- Access "Safe Return to School and Work" Portal via <https://tdsb.service-now.com/tswp>
- Click on the “My Vaccination Status” button, followed by “Update Vaccination Status”
- Carefully read each question and answer appropriately
- Upload proof of vaccination* (vaccine dose administration receipts or equivalent documents)

Click on “Add Attachment” to upload proof of vaccination.

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