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Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Topic: **Update for Parents, Guardians, and Staff**

Normally this update is one-page long but due to some additional information it is extended to two pages.

Next Evening Meeting:

- Our next biweekly meeting to discuss the divisional and provincial COVID response is Tuesday:
 - Topic: Update for Parents, Guardians, and Staff
 - Time: Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
 - Join Zoom Meeting
 - <https://zoom.us/j/94402268808?pwd=VlRaZytqMIJ1M25iRkdSaHUyUWtmZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 944 0226 8808
 - Passcode: 347801

Extracurricular Vaccine Requirement:

- There is an update to the public health order regarding the vaccination/testing requirement for extracurricular activities taking effect on December 6th.
- The orders do not apply to physical education or any other physical activity that is part of the instructional day and that takes place on the grounds within the youth's school. It therefore does not apply to activities such as intramurals, open gym, or house team activities taking place within the school at recess or noon hours.

Vaccination Clinics:

- Park West Schools will be working with local Public Health nurses to schedule vaccination clinics for students aged 5-11, starting on December 6.
- Access to these immunization clinics in schools will only be available to students who have signed parental permission forms.
- Notification will be given to parents/guardians by Public Health and the local school prior to clinics occurring. This notice will include the date of the clinics.
- Information regarding these clinics and the provincial plan for student vaccinations may be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/young-people.html>

Travel:

- News reports yesterday stated that the federal government is imposing new testing requirements on all air travelers coming from outside of Canada with the exception of the U.S., due to concerns over the Omicron variant.
- The new testing requirements mean that all air travelers coming from outside Canada, with the exception of the United States, will now need to be tested at the airport when they land in Canada, on top of the existing pre-departure test requirement.
- Those who are vaccinated will have to isolate until they get a negative result, and those who are unvaccinated will continue to have to isolate for the full 14 days and test on day one and day eight of their quarantine.
- The new air traveler testing requirement for non-travel ban countries is set to come into effect over the next few days. Once it is confirmed the division will update the travel guidelines document.
- The news report stated that there is a possible extension of this policy to include the United States and the land borders if the situation evolves to the point that re-imposing further restrictions on Canada's borders is warranted.
- Those planning travel are encouraged to closely monitor for changing requirements from the province or federal government to ensure that you are fully aware of any recent developments.