

Live-Music/or Recorded Festival

In order to safeguard our stakeholders, Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) Public Health Measures for live-music or recorded events, venue policies and SMFA requirements must be followed. Visit the [Government of Saskatchewan Public Health Measures](#) for the most up-to-date information from the SHA.

SMFA District Festival Committees are responsible for ensuring that all protocols are followed including festivals hosted in schools and churches. As SHA Public Health Measures may change, SMFA requires that the following protocols be followed at all times during the 2022 SMFA District festivals:

- **Proof of Full Vaccination with Photo ID/or negative COVID test (children under 12 years of age are exempt)**
- **Mandatory Masking**
 - Performers 12 years & over may remove masks when performing except for choirs and bands (masks/bell covers required)
 - Provide barriers for performers under 12 years of age who are unable to mask while performing (singers/instrumentalists)
 - Accompanists will remain masked while in the performance area

It is important that festivals find out what their venue policies are, determine their own additional health measures, and communicate that information to the SMFA office and to their stakeholders (participants, audience, donors etc.). These are minimum protocols. District Festivals may choose to add stricter measures.

Proof of Vaccination

- A QR code/MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate either printed or a mobile device as a screenshot or in SK Vax Wallet; or
- A printed hard copy of MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate with or without a QR code; or
- Wallet cards issued at the time of vaccinations; or
- A COVID-19 vaccination printout from Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) public health.

Proof of vaccination will also require ID from **anyone** 18 and older (including volunteers and members of bands and choirs). Youth 12-17 years of age will also need to show ID unless accompanied by an adult with proof of vaccination and ID. SK Vax Verifier app may be used to scan QR codes. Persons with vaccine exemptions are required to provide proof of negative COVID test.

Visit www.ehealthsask.ca/MySaskHealthRecord/MySaskHealthRecord/ to get your COVID-19 vaccination certificate and learn more about the SK Vax Wallet app for viewing or displaying your QR code and **SK Vax Verifier app to determine vaccination status**.

Once vaccination status is checked, festivals may choose to use a wristband to avoid repeated checking. SMFA will provide wristbands to at no charge to festivals making a request.

Contact tracing is not required but communicating all COVID-related information as soon as possible to participants, and audience members is extremely important.

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Definition of Fully vaccinated

Fully vaccinated is when an individual has received:

- The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of Health Canada approved vaccines:
 - Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson
- One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA Health Canada approved vaccine (Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna); or
- Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not approved by Health Canada.

In all instances, the last required dose of the COVID-19 vaccine must be received at least 14 days prior to attending events.

Proof of a Negative COVID-19 Test

Individuals who do not have proof of vaccination have the option of providing proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within the previous 72 hours. More than one test may be required for festivals longer than 3 days. **A self-administered take-home rapid antigen test will not be accepted as valid proof of negative COVID-19 results.** The cost for all proof of negative test results for asymptomatic testing will be the responsibility of the individual. Individuals requiring a negative test result have several private options that will provide a rapid antigen test or a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for a fee. A current list of locations and labs offering testing services is on [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) under Where to Get Tested.

Summary

Everyone in attendance must:

- provide proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test (see above for details).
- properly wear a mask inside the venue at all times.
 - Solo competitors/small ensembles aged 12 & over may remove their masks when performing.
 - Choirs are to wear masks and bands are to use bell covers while performing.
 - Solo participants under the age of 12, who are unable to mask while performing (singers/ instrumentalists), will perform behind barriers.
 - Accompanists will wear masks while performing.

Competitors and accompanists must:

- complete waiver before festival and submit it to festival committee.

Adjudicators

- The minimum time period for which an adjudicator can be hired is one day at the full fee. Please allow as much time as possible if an adjudicator must be cancelled due to COVID. Having a Plan B (virtual festival) in place may prevent total cancellation. Total cancellation of a festival is a last option, with an agreement to fulfill the adjudicator contract(s) at a later date or the following year.
- Hotel/motels will be used for adjudicator accommodations (billeting is not recommended).
- Adjudicators are required to check-in with festival committee for COVID-19 screening (show proof of vaccination)
- Waivers will be signed by all adjudicators at live festivals.
- Adjudicator remarks/demonstrating will take place in designated performance area. Masks may be removed while in the performance area only. Microphones may be used for adjudicator's comments.

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Additional suggestions/Other

- Train volunteer(s) dedicated to look after COVID-19 protocols (proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 tests screening, enforcing masks).
- Provide hand sanitizer to be used at entry and exit points.
- Limit the duration of the event. Organizers should provide attendees with a suitable timeframe for arrival to the event to ensure crowds/line-ups are minimized. Attendees should leave immediately following the event/gathering to discourage gathering in common areas. Manage crowds so physical distancing is maintained in common areas, and as they enter and exit the event area. Pre-registering audience will provide effective crowd control.
- Use signs to indicate distancing, directional flow of movement through areas. Cordons or other barriers are recommended in common areas with separate entry and exit points, where possible.
- Stage area /or well-marked designated performance area will be 14 to 20 feet away from audience and adjudicators. Barriers between accompanists and performers may be used as an additional precaution.
- Non-professional recorded accompaniment is to be accepted in 2022 at the District level but will not be accepted for entry into Provincials*(change to Regulations - Page #9 bullet #8). Participants using recorded accompaniment should use their regular/local accompanist to make the recording. The piano is the instrument to be used for accompaniment except where other options are stated.
- Limit sharing of instruments, drum sticks/mallets, music stands, costumes, props and other items.
- Frequently sanitize piano/organ. Hydrogen peroxide or Sobey's *All Clean Natural* alcohol wipes are suggested as safe cleaning products.
- Sanctioned live streaming/recording of your festival is allowed to limit audience and provide family and friends the opportunity to view performances. Disable the "comment" option when live streaming.
- Food/treats may be served using precautions.