

## Greater Essex County District School Board



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October 18, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student

In accordance with the recommendations of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU), participation in extracurricular activities, including before, during and after school clubs and sports, is limited to only those students, officials and volunteers who are fully vaccinated\*\* against COVID-19.

In order to participate in an extracurricular activity, students in grade 7 through grade 12 will be required to provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to participation in any extracurricular activity.

Students who would like to participate in extracurricular activities are required to complete a COVID Vaccination Form. The form will require the official vaccination receipts from the Ontario Covid-19 Vaccination Portal be uploaded. The link to the Ontario Vaccination Portal is located in the Form. This information will only be used by the school to determine eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Each individual school will inform students regarding available extracurricular activities throughout the school year. Fully vaccinated students will have an opportunity to sign-up to participate. Fully vaccinated students who have completed the COVID Vaccination Form as verified by the principal will be eligible to participate.

### **With regard to Extracurricular Sports:**

At this time the GECDSB is working with the Windsor Essex County Secondary Schools Athletic Association (WECSSAA) in determining which sports may be able to proceed based on the amount of time in the season, on the number of students who would be eligible to participate, and the number of coaches who will be available. A timeline for return to play will vary depending on all of these factors.

To support a safe return to play, the main focus of extracurricular sport/participation will be on skill development and inter school play, within WECSSAA member boards that support mandatory vaccination of students, student-athletes, volunteers and officials. At this time, Secondary Schools will not participate in SWOSSAA and OFSAA competition, but will follow local return to play protocols, including those of the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association. The GECDSB will continue to review the potential for non-regional play in consultation with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

To protect all participants, there will be no spectators for indoor and outdoor athletics at this time.

Field trips are currently not permitted, with the exception of approved travel within the region for extracurricular activities.

More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

**\*\*An individual is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series that is listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization or approved by Health Canada.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Kelly".

Erin Kelly,  
Director of Education