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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that the Order of the Provincial Health Officer on Gatherings and Events (dated January 27, 2022) – which requires proof of vaccination for organized gatherings and events – does not apply to staff, students, volunteers, and invited guests participating in educational activities as part of British Columbia’s K-12 school system. Specifically, the gatherings and events order states that it does not apply to “before, during or after school programs for students of public or independent schools (schools) organized by a school”.

The PHO’s gatherings and events order can be found here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

Therefore, all K-12 program participants including staff, students, volunteers, and invited guests are exempt from showing proof of vaccination while participating in gatherings or events organized by K-12 schools. This exemption applies to gatherings and events held on and off school property, and before or after school. Examples of gatherings and events that are exempt from proof of vaccination requirements include routine classes, performances, athletic events, graduation ceremonies, and events and field studies/field trips that are organized by schools for K-12 students.

School gatherings and events are currently limited to 50 % capacity according to Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings. However, these guidelines are subject to change.

Operators are asked to continue to support K-12 education through continued use of their facilities by all students, staff, volunteers and invited guests involved in K-12 activities.

Best regards,



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