



November 18, 2022

Chefs de Mission  
via email

Dear Chefs de Mission

**Subject: AWGIC Policy on Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccines**

Effective immediately, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) has revoked its *Policy on Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccines* to align with current public health advice. This means that the AWGIC will no longer require participating athletes, coaches, managers, mission staff, and others to be fully vaccinated to be part of the Wood Buffalo 2023 Arctic Winter Games. If, however, any jurisdiction wishes to enforce its own requirements including other health measures related to COVID-19, the AWGIC will respect their autonomy as a team decision.

The AWGIC recognizes that public health circumstances have evolved and that COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are still impacting the public and that all persons need to remain vigilant to limit possible spread. As such, the AWGIC is working closely with the Wood Buffalo 2023 Arctic Winter Games Host Society to encourage adoption of the recommended health measures at the time of these Games including masking, hand sanitization and other actions that can help mitigate the effects of these diseases.

A news release is being prepared and will support this letter; however, in the interim, please feel free to share this letter, as required. If you have any questions, please contact Moira Lassen, Operations Coordinator at [operations@arcticwintergames.org](mailto:operations@arcticwintergames.org) or +1.867.333.5522.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Rodda".

John H. Rodda, President

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