



Extracurricular Vaccine & Testing Policy (JLCB-B)

Somerville Public Schools | School Committee

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Purpose

Per Somerville School Committee Policy JLCB-B, all students ages 12 and older participating in athletics, intramurals, or other non-academic extracurricular activities must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 20, 2021, unless they apply for and receive either a medical or religious exemption.

Key Dates

	Dose 1	Dose 2	Fully Vaccinated
Pfizer	9/15	10/6	10/20
Moderna	9/8	10/6	
Janssen (J & J)	10/6	N/A	

Eligible students who have made good faith attempts to become fully vaccinated by receiving at least 1 dose of vaccine but who have not reached fully vaccination status by October 20, may continue to attend, practice or play.

Eligible students who have yet to become fully vaccinated by October 20, who have not received an exemption, or who do not complete the vaccine regimen at the specific interval for their vaccine will not be allowed to attend, play or practice after October 20.

Verification & Eligibility

- The COVID-19 vaccine status of students in athletics, intramurals, or other non-academic extracurricular will be verified by coaches or school health staff through the Massachusetts Immunization Information System, as is done currently with other immunizations.

Program Examples

Vaccination Required (Status Monitored)

Athletics

Greater Boston Debate

Intramural Sports

Student Clubs

Vaccination Strongly Recommended (Not Monitored)

After School Tutoring

Breakthrough

El Sistema

Community Schools

Citizen Schools

Exemptions

- All eligible students must have documented vaccination status or apply for a medical/religious exemption. Exemptions are not guaranteed.
- The district has a form that students can use to apply for an exemption.
- Please contact Student Services if you believe you qualify for an exemption by emailing Liz Doncaster at edoncaster@k12.somerville.ma.us.



Routine COVID Testing

- All students in athletics, intramurals, and other non-academic extracurricular activities who wish to continue participating in those activities must participate in the district's weekly COVID testing at their school, unless they have applied for and received a medical exemption.



**Districtwide
Consent Rate**

Testing Non-Consents

Students who opt out of the weekly COVID testing will:

- NOT be able to participate in non-academic extracurricular activities including athletics, intramural sports, and non-academic clubs as of October 20, 2021;
- NOT be eligible to participate in the Test and Stay program should they be identified as a close contact; they would need to quarantine for the required time and not be able to attend school during the quarantine period; and
- NOT have access to the district's free, rapid COVID-19 testing should their student become symptomatic while at school.

Vaccine Access

The district and health department are holding regular school-based clinics.

- Somerville High School, Oct 6th 1:00-4:00 pm
- Winter Hill School / City Hall Annex, Oct 18th 11:00-12:30 pm

Somerville CHA Vaccine Center

- 176 Somerville Ave, Walk-Ins Welcome
Mon, Tues: 11:00 am - 6:30 pm
Wed, Thur, Fri: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Local Pharmacies and Primary Care Providers



Questions