



## Special Olympics Washington Proof of Vaccination Status Update October 19, 2021

Based on current and impending mandates that some Washington counties are enforcing which require proof of vaccination or negative COVID test to enter a facility or attend an in-person indoor event, Special Olympics Washington will be acting under the following protocols to ensure we are abiding by COVID mandates put forth by the CDC, the Washington State Department of Health, and local health authorities.

**Any Special Olympics Washington program or event residing within a county that requires proof of vaccination or negative COVID test must abide by the county's mandate to ensure the health and safety of all participants.**

**While Special Olympics Washington does not require proof of vaccination or negative COVID test for participants or spectators to attend in-person activities, we recognize the value and importance of these new mandates and will follow any COVID-related requirements and protocols put forth by each counties' health authorities.**

Special Olympics Washington will do everything we can to provide support and resources so that our athletes, coaches and volunteers may continue in-person activities in the safest way possible.

Special Olympics Washington will continue to monitor the status of COVID-related mandates and protocols on the state and county levels. Should an existing program's county require proof of vaccination or negative COVID test, we will work closely with each program to ensure all protocols are followed and provide necessary recourses.

We appreciate everyone's hard work and understanding as we strive to provide the best quality sports and events in the safest manner during these unprecedented times.

For questions, please contact your region manager, or email: [rta@sowa.org](mailto:rta@sowa.org)

### **Resources**

Local Health Jurisdiction Information

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/PublicHealthSystem/LocalHealthJurisdictions>

Washington State Mandates

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/VaccineMandateFAQ>

Washington State Test Sites

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/TestingforCOVID19/TestingLocations>