



Resolution Duly Approved by the  
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan  
Provincial Métis Council on October 19, 2021  
**#211019-06**

### **COVID-19 Protocols for Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Delegates**

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) has been a leader in COVID-19 supports and safety procedures, protecting Métis Elders, children, immune-compromised people and other citizens;

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) brings together delegates from all parts of Saskatchewan and could endanger the health of Métis delegates and communities without strong COVID-19 protocols; and

**WHEREAS** the MN-S now has the technological ability for delegates to participate fully without being present;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Métis Council support the following COVID-19 protocols for the Fall 2021 MNLA:

1. In-Person and Virtual Attendance:

- a) In-person attendance: In-person attendance at the MNLA will be available to delegates, designated staff and invited attendees who have received two COVID-19 vaccinations;
- b) Virtual Attendance: Delegates who are unvaccinated for COVID-19 (either by choice or for other reasons), delegates who have received one dose of vaccination, and delegates who are concerned about the safety of in-person gatherings, can participate in the MNLA online via the Zoom platform. Delegates who participate by Zoom will still be able to vote, participate in roll call, and speak to resolutions;

2. Screening:

- a) All delegates, designated staff and invited attendees who are eligible for in-person attendance will be required to show proof of vaccination (either QR code or paper vaccination record) at the entrance to the MNLA. After this, they will receive a bracelet as proof of vaccination;
- b) Screening will be done daily and will include:
  - Answering questions on COVID-19 symptoms; and
  - Temperature checks;Anyone who has an elevated temperature or shows evidence of COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to enter the MNLA. Arrangements will be made for them to participate by Zoom. Additionally, MN-S health officials will follow up with them on their health status;
- c) Rapid testing will be provided on-site to accommodate the following circumstances:
  - Eligible participants who are not able to provide proof of vaccination;
  - Eligible participants who have been in close contact with a positive case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days;
  - Any delegates, designated staff or invited attendees who would like to be tested;Anyone who tests positive will not be allowed to enter the MNLA. Arrangements will be made for them to participate by Zoom. Additionally, MN-S health officials will follow up with them on their health status;

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- d) Individuals who refuse to meet any of these screening requirements will not be allowed to enter;
- 3. Safety Protocols at Venue:
  - a) Masks will be required except when eating or drinking;
  - b) Social distancing should be observed as much as possible;
  - c) Hand sanitizing;
- 4. Observers, Family and Others:
  - a) In-person attendance at the MNLA will be restricted to eligible delegates, designated staff and invited attendees. This applies to all MNLA events, including meetings, banquets and other meals;
  - b) All others are invited to watch the livestream of the MNLA via the MN-S website; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the protocols outlined above be accepted as COVID-19 Safety Protocol Measures, and adapted accordingly for all future MN-S gatherings and meetings.

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**Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021**

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