



**Westerner Park**

# Media Release

## Westerner Park Implementing Restrictions Exemption Program

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**September 17, 2021 | Red Deer, AB** – In response to the Alberta government declaring a state of public health emergency, Westerner Park is implementing the Restrictions Exemption Program, which requires one of the following for all people aged 12 and older:

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination through electronic or paper records, completed a minimum of 14 days prior to an event start. Single/double dose requirement dates are available [here](#).
- Negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test, from a privately-paid testing provider, completed within 72 hours of an event's start time.
- Formal documentation of a medical exemption.

Masks will also be required in compliance with Alberta Health Services guidelines. Anyone unable to wear a mask due to an approved medical condition will be asked to provide their medical exception letter (visit [Alberta mask requirements](#) for details).

This program takes effect September 20, 2021 and will remain in place for the foreseeable future for all entrants of Westerner Park, including employees, contractors, volunteers, and event organizers & attendees.

“By adopting the Restrictions Exemption Program, we can do our part to help ensure the safety of our staff and all Central Albertans who enjoy the many events that take place at Westerner Park, while still operating at our capacity potential” stated Mike Olesen, Chief Executive Officer, Westerner Park “While we do not know how long these restrictions will be in place, we are planning as though they apply to all events at Westerner Park, including Canadian Finals Rodeo, Agri-Trade, and the gatherings, functions, and shows hosted by business and community groups.”

We look forward to the exciting events happening here at Westerner Park and will adapt as needed to make sure we are providing a safe experience.

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A not-for-profit organization and agricultural society, Westerner Park is Central Alberta's largest tradeshow, agriculture, sports, entertainment, and convention facility, generating \$150 million annually in economic activity, and hosting 1.5 million visitors at over 1,500 events each year.

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