



## **DRIVING EVENTS POLICY MAY 17, 2021 UPDATE**

**The following updated policy has been adopted by the BMW CCA National Board of Directors regarding ALL driving events/programs:**

References in this document to “fully vaccinated” people mean those who have had the requisite number of shots per the manufacturers’ recommendations plus a 14-day waiting period after the final shot of the series. “Unvaccinated” means any person who is not fully vaccinated.

1. In addition to the rules herein, chapters **MUST** comply with, and adhere to, ALL Federal, State and local mandates, as well as conform to all specific facility requirements in force at the time of the event. However, these requirements do apply even if the

Federal, State, local or facility guidelines and/or mandates are less restrictive.

2. Chapters are allowed to use in-car instruction or have other dual-occupant driving events when both participants in the car are fully vaccinated.

3. Chapters are required to both obtain and retain proof of the vaccination status of all participants who claim to meet the vaccination criteria. Ideally, the document should be uploaded to the participant's registration page; however, a photograph or photocopy of the document would be acceptable. (The BMW CCA is not a healthcare service provider to the individual, so HIPAA codes do not apply here). Chapters shall retain the vaccination data for the same time period as waivers are retained.

4. Chapters shall use unique and easily identifiable wristbands for ALL parties that meet the vaccination requirements.

5. On the Chapter's event & registration pages for any dual-occupant driving events, the Chapter shall make it VERY clear to all participants that in-car instruction is completely optional to them and they are free to decline having someone else in their car. So that the participant's choice regarding this is both made clear to the Chapter and documented, Chapters shall have an "Opt-In/Opt-Out" choice on the registration page/form for in-car instruction.

6. Chapters may allow people of the same household to be within the same vehicle for instruction regardless of their vaccination status. The parties must be currently cohabitating and are lodging together while attending the event.

7. Social distancing and masks are not required for fully vaccinated

participants. Social distancing at a minimum of 6 ft. and the use of masks worn over both the nose and mouth is required of all participants who are not fully vaccinated.

8. Individuals who do not meet the fully vaccinated criteria are not allowed to be in-car with another individual, vaccinated or not, except in the situation described in #6. Chapters shall not make any agreement with participants to waive liability to contravene this requirement.

9. Any shared equipment (e.g., student headsets, loaner helmets, radios for Chapter or facility communications) must be sanitized before use by another person. Windscreens (mic covers) made from plastic and other solid materials can be cleaned with common cleaning agents or disinfectants (e.g., 70% Isopropyl). Foam can be carefully washed with warm water and mild detergent, then dried at (or over) 70° for at least 72 hours.

**The National Board of Directors also recommends the following:**

- Chapters should consider special wristbands for participants that both qualify and have “opted in” for In-car instruction.
- Chapters should consider the possibility that car sharing may cause complications with regard to the articles above. Because of this, Chapters should have an expressed policy and/or contingency plan in place for “shared cars” with drivers that may or may not both be fully vaccinated.
- Chapters should develop a plan regarding a situation where a participant has opt’ed in for in-car instruction but changes their mind at the event or at the last minute. It is highly recommended

that Chapters post their policy and any solution they find appropriate regarding this on the registration page, as well as making it known at the instructor's and driver's meetings so everyone is aware of what to expect should this take place.

- Chapters should have a question on the registration form asking the registrant for manufacturer and the date(s) of each vaccination shot given. They should also be aware that Johnson & Johnson's vaccine only requires one injection. Novavax, Moderna, PfizerBioNTech & Oxford-AstraZeneca require 2 injections.
- Chapters should be allowed to determine the method in which they obtain proof of the vaccination status of all participants who claim to meet the vaccination criteria.
- Regardless of the method of verification, the Chapter should create and retain a method of documentation as to how the Chapter verified each person's individual vaccination status. (For example: roster/check list with columns of the Chapter's choice of acceptable methods of satisfaction to be checked off once presented)
- At driving schools, chapters should be prepared for disparities in pace which may create passing issues within hybrid run groups involving in-car and lead/follow instruction within the same session.
- Because the Covid-19 status of all States and Provinces may vary on a rapid and unpredictable basis, the National DEC will be reviewing information and data available on an ongoing basis. Consequently, the NDEC may revise its recommendations as needed and Chapters should be prepared for this possibility.

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