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Dear Friends, Families, Collaborators, Sponsors and Supporters:

Out of an abundance of caution and to deliver a safe environment for our delegations and participants of the Special Olympics World Winter Games Kazan 2022, Special Olympics has announced a requirement that **all credentialed participants[‡] must be fully vaccinated* with an approved COVID-19 vaccine to attend the Games in Kazan, Russia in January 2022.**

As a part of your Games registration process, you will be asked to enter information about the date of your COVID-19 vaccine and to upload a copy of your Country's official government proof of vaccination ID/record. The proof of vaccination may be in your local language.

In addition to the COVID vaccination requirements, we will be implementing on-site COVID prevention protocols including requirements for masking, distancing, sanitization, and hygiene in line with the Special Olympics Global Return to Activities protocol and Russian Federation regulations. Specific protocols for each client group will be distributed in the Fall to all registered participants. If you do notice any discussions about the vaccine protocol on social media, please let us know and share with your contact at Special Olympics. As always, the health and safety of our athletes and all participants is our priority.

We look forward to welcoming you in Kazan for this exciting event and appreciate you helping to ensure that we can create the safest environment for the event.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Davis', written over a white background.

Mary Davis
CEO

‡All credentialed participants = Delegations (Athletes and Unified Partners, Coaches, Heads of Delegation, Assistant Heads of Delegation, Additional Staff and Medical Staff), Sport Technical Officials, Sport Technical Delegates, Honored Guests, Performers, Presenters, Celebrities, Athlete Global Messengers, Sponsors, Observers, Families, Media, Global Youth Leadership Summit Participants, Volunteers, Staff, LETR Final Leg Team Members, Vendors and Suppliers.

**Fully vaccinated = 2 weeks after completing all doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.*