

June 3, 2021

**RE: Swim Alberta Update: Alberta's Open for Summer Plan – Stage 2 Information**

Hello Club Presidents and Head Coaches;

I know you are all eager to plan and begin to organize club programs and services, including training for Stage 2 of the "Alberta's Open for Summer Plan." Although not officially confirmed, it is our understanding that the Government of Alberta is still looking to begin Stage 2 on June 10<sup>th</sup>, unless we see a change in trend of the COVID-19 statistics.

For Stage 2, the current understanding of Swim Alberta is that clubs can expect to see the following:

- No restrictions in terms of distancing for organized sport play or training during the actual activity.
- Distancing and masking are required outside of the actual sport activity including in change rooms, moving to and from the pool deck etc.
- Coaches will still need to be masked. Coaches should maintain distancing when they can.
- Facilities can operate at 1/3 capacity of fire code. This will dictate the numbers of individuals that can train or compete at any one time.
- Competitions can resume with no restrictions on the sport activity, although restrictions may still be in place for spectators, number of participants etc.
- We may see some additional restrictions, again outside the organized sport activity, for youth 11 years and under. They should still be able to fully participate in the sport activity with no distancing, masking etc.
- Contacting tracing will need to continue and athletes/coaches will still need to complete the daily health checklists.
- There is no distinction between youth and adult sport.
- Where you can distance and mask, you should. For swimming this would be coming and going from the pool, through change rooms and in transition areas between the pool and dryland etc.

This is our initial understanding. These items will be confirmed with the published guidance document and expected Health Order for Stage 2. I had hoped we would see some initial guidance documents this week, but it looks like it might be next week before we are able to confirm this information. This should provide clubs with enough information to begin planning in a meaningful way around what you can expect when we return to training in Stage 2.

As shared in the last update, this is a time of great optimism accompanied by many who are also feeling an abundance of caution as Alberta moves through the "Alberta's Open for Summer Plan". Swim Alberta will continue to work with clubs and provide guidance through the Swim Alberta Return to Swimming Requirements document with protocols and guidance for each transition from one stage to the next. We are committed to help guide and support clubs in offering your programs and services with safety a key priority.

Please watch for more information to be circulated on Stage 2 of "Alberta's Open for Summer Plan" in the coming days. In the meantime, if you have any questions on what is permitted under Stage 1 of the GOA plan, please reach out to either myself or Kevin Dennis.

Kind regards,  
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