

May 31, 2021

**RE: Swim Alberta Update: Alberta's Open for Summer Plan**

Hello Club Presidents and Head Coaches;

Last week's announcement by the Government of Alberta on "Alberta's Open for Summer Plan" has paved a path forward for individuals, businesses and other organizations like Swim Alberta and Swim Clubs to have a plan around what can be expected for gatherings and activities in the coming weeks and months. Swim Alberta will continue to make a commitment to make the safety of our membership – athletes, coaches, officials and others involved in the sport, our main priority as we look to align with the legislation and guidance of Alberta Health as the province moves through the 3 stages of "Alberta's Open for Summer Plan".

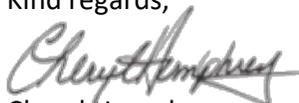
Although Stage 1 will allow some restricted outdoor activity to resume in groups of 10, including a coach; it is our understanding that Stage 2 will provide for a significant reduction in the number of restrictions around sport for both youth and adults with the details to those restrictions and related guidance documents are expected to be provided by the Government of Alberta, through Alberta Health, this week. Swim Alberta's initial understanding is that although sport will resume in Stage 2 with no restrictions around game play and training, there is an expectation that Alberta Health will still have some restrictions and precautions in place around game play and training (change rooms, gatherings before/after, masking, distancing, screening, contact tracing etc.). More to come as Swim Alberta is committed to getting information out to clubs as quickly as possible so you can better understand what is permitted in Stage 2 of the plan.

Stage 1, beginning June 1, 2021, details are outlined on the [Government of Alberta – Alberta Health website](#). The Stage 1 permitted outdoor sport activities align with Swim Alberta's current Step 1 Swimming Requirements. In addition to the group sizes for outdoor training, all current [Swim Alberta Step 1 Requirements](#) apply. Where the restrictions by Alberta Health contradict the Swim Alberta requirements, the Alberta Health restrictions will apply.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Humphrey".

Cheryl Humphrey  
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