

September 16, 2021

RE: Swim Alberta Update: State of Public Health Emergency Announcement and Next Steps

Hello Club Presidents and Head Coaches;

I wanted to get a quick note out to all clubs to provide an update on next steps and expected timelines.

Ask for your patience with Swim Alberta...

For those presidents and head coaches who are new in their role this year, please know that as soon as Alberta Health or the Government of Alberta makes an announcement that impacts the operations of the clubs or swimming, Swim Alberta staff are working hard behind the scenes with Alberta Health, Government of Alberta, Municipalities, Legal Counsel (where required) to ensure a full understanding of the new Health Order and its implications. Similar to last year, we ask for your patience and ask that you give us this time to do this important work so we can get accurate information out to clubs as quickly as possible. As such, we are not able to answer individual emails, texts or phone calls until a full response can be provided to the entire membership. **You have our commitment that we will get information to you as quickly as possible.**

Ask for your patience with facilities...

Facility partners are also working through the announcement and implications of implementing a Restrictions Exemption Program. It does take some time to create procedures and processes to ensure it is done correctly. They may not have information readily available until late into the weekend or early next week. Please know, that they too, are working hard behind the scenes with a goal to get information out to Swim Clubs as quickly as possible. Kindness and understanding are greatly appreciated.

Clarification being sought...

We are currently working through clarification as it relates to 12 – 17 year-olds and the Restrictions Exemption Program; and also drafting a document to assist clubs with best practices around proof of vaccination/proof of testing guidelines. The goal of the best practices document is to provide clubs with the information needed to implement the changes of the announcement and the Restrictions Exemption Program (where required), while aligning fully with all legislation, health orders and the requirements of Swim Alberta.

What you can expect...

Swim Alberta is targeting Friday, September 17th to publish an updated Requirements and Recommendations for Training and Competition Document.

Swim Alberta is committed to getting information out to clubs as quickly as possible.

Please vaccinate, please follow the protocols, be safe and #weareready!

Kind regards,
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