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Update on COVID-19: Targeted public health measures

Dear Club Presidents and Head Coaches,
(please distribute to all coaching staff, administrators and board members)

Swim Alberta remains committed to aligning with all health requirements, both voluntary and mandatory as issued by Alberta Health and the Government of Alberta. It is appreciated that clubs have done a tremendous job with the Return to Swimming across the province and have been exemplary role models to the public and other sport organizations as it relates to following all requirements as it relates to returning to swimming safely.

As you would all be aware, we have seen a rise in COVID-19 cases across the province and today the Alberta Government made an announcement as it relates to [Targeted Public Health Measures](#) to help with the anticipated further rise in cases and hospitalizations. Not all clubs are effected by the targeted measures so please ensure you read the above link to determine if your community is impacted. It applies to Calgary and Area, Edmonton and Area, Fort McMurray, Grand Prairie, Lethbridge and Red Deer.

As per the most recent Alberta Government announcement on Targeted Public Health Measures, please be advised that all clubs in the targeted areas should discontinue and suspend all indoor group training and activities, including swimming effective and including November 13th.

Swim Alberta is currently seeking clarity on “individual” vs “team” sports as per the announcement today. However, our initial understanding is that any sports training in a team environment, which swimming cohorts are, would fall under the interpretation of “team”.

Our goal would be to have an update out to clubs by end of day tomorrow as it relates to the clarity being sought on individual training and sport activities. Until that clarity is confirmed, we ask that all clubs suspend all pool and indoor training sessions.

The exemption for Junior, Collegiate and University programs would require those programs to follow the specific sport guidance for those groups, of which regular testing protocols must be in place. Junior does not include swimming club programs. [Junior, Collegiate and University League Guidance](#).

As you can imagine, our phones and emails have been overwhelmed with clubs reaching out this afternoon. Swim Alberta remains committed to providing updates to all clubs as soon as we have the information to share with you. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Stay well and be safe.

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