

April 7, 2021

**RE: FURTHER UPDATE TO THE April 6<sup>th</sup> Government of Alberta Announcements**

Hello Club Presidents and Head Coaches;

Thank you all for your continued patience as we work to seek the clarity on the changes that were announced yesterday. *Several* updates were made to the Alberta Health [Enhanced Public Health Measures](#) webpage today with the information as it relates to youth and collegiate sport and recreation activities. **The significant change that was published today that will impact club training is that for indoor pools, only one training group of 10 individuals may occupy an indoor playing surface at a time (for example – arena, field, court or pool).** A summary of the information that can be found on the Alberta Health website as of 4 pm on April 7, 2021 can be found below.

In working with the Government of Alberta – Sport Physical Activity and Recreation Branch through to Alberta Health we are still trying to acquire more details as to how this is to be operationalized in terms of things like:

- Is a 50 m pool considered one surface or can it be two with a bulkhead?
- Is deck space a separate surface from a pool?

These are some of the same questions that facility operators have also raised with us throughout the day. Once we have clarity on these items we will communicate out to clubs and facilities as quickly as possible. In the meantime, clubs should follow the direction and decision being provided by your local facility who may choose to permit only one group at a time regardless of pool size.

I ask for your continued patience as we work to seek the clarity on “how” to operationalize the changes announced yesterday either through the direct work with the Government of Alberta staff liaisons or by way of the published Public Health Order. The Swim Alberta Return to Swimming Requirements Document will be updated and circulated once all information has been confirmed.

Again, I thank you for your patience and look forward to providing you all with an update as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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**Mandatory restrictions – Provincewide – (Revised April 7 as of 4:00 pm)**

Eligible participants include:

- youth 18 years old and under
- members of a collegiate or university athletic program
- coaches or trainers

**Limited group physical activities allowed**

- Lessons, practices and physical conditioning activities are allowed for indoor and outdoor minor sports/activities and school athletics (for example, school sport activities that are outside of a physical education class or related part of the school curriculum).
- Games are not allowed.
- Only one youth group can occupy an indoor playing surface at a time (for example, arenas, fields, courts or pools)

**Safety requirements**

- Maximum of 10 total individuals, including all coaches, trainers, and participants.
  - An outdoor playing surface (for example, arena, field, court or swimming pool) may be occupied by more than one youth group, as long as 3-metres of physical distancing can be maintained between groups of 10 and the groups do not intermingle.
- Physical distancing must be maintained between participants at all times:
  - 3 metres physical distance for indoor activities
  - 2 metres physical distance for outdoor activities
  - coaches or trainers may enter physical distancing space for brief interactions with participants (for example, to correct form or technique)
- Participants must be masked at all times, except during high intensity physical activity. Coaches and trainers must remain masked at all times.
- Access to change rooms must be limited, including accelerated arrival and departure, emergencies (for example, first aid) and washroom use.