



November 8, 2020

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Donnie Rosa
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **COVID-19 – New Provincial Health Order Impacts – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to advise you of the new Health Order issued yesterday by the BC Provincial Health office that will affect Board of Parks and Recreation programs and services for the next two weeks.

As of 10:00pm on Saturday, November 7, through to noon on Monday, November 23, the new Order is in effect for Fraser Health Authority (FHA) and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). While awaiting final publishing of this latest Order, staff are currently developing public messaging, notifying patrons impacted by temporary cancellations, and sharing a complete list of suspended programs via the Park Board website and with 311. Updated COVID-19 safety plans must be approved by the local medical health officer before programs can resume.

Dr. Henry's announcement on Saturday included the following new restrictions that will affect recreation activities within Park Board community centres:

- Indoor group sports where physical distancing cannot be maintained are suspended for two weeks:
 - No competition or games are allowed but can be replaced with physically distanced, individual exercise, practice and drills;
 - Recommend eliminating spectators particularly at children's games inside or outside;
 - Suspending travel for sport into and out of VCH and FHA;
 - A selection of the Park Board's sports programs that will be temporarily affected include: hockey, volleyball, basketball, water polo, ringette, indoor soccer, badminton, pickle ball, table tennis, and games rooms, etc.;
 - Indoor individual sports where physical distancing can be maintained can continue following ViaSport Phase 2 protocols (e.g. swim clubs, figure skating);
- Indoor group activities where physical distancing cannot be maintained and where people are increasing their heart rate are suspended for two weeks:
 - A selection of the Park Board's group programs that will be temporarily affected include: strength and sculpting, zumba, rhythmic gymnastics, total body conditioning, yoga, dance, dance aerobics, ballet, hip hop, martial arts and aquafit, etc.;



- Individual indoor physical activities can continue following the safety protocols currently in place (e.g. one-on-one personal training).

The only impact to outdoor sport permit holders from this new Order is that spectators can no longer attend outdoor sport activities. All permit holders are expected to comply with this new rule and are to communicate this update to their staff and members who can enforce it on site.

Community centres remain open to the public and patrons are reminded that wearing a mask inside public spaces is the expectation of Public Health and the Park Board. We will continue to provide relevant updates as this situation evolves.

Regards,

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