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Return to Play Update – September 9, 2021

This update has been developed from the latest information available to us from viaSport. The PHO is quite complicated and likely to change again at any point. We are aware that some clubs have their own regulations already in place and that in some cases they are more stringent than these guidelines. Clubs should see this document as reflective of the minimum standards required by the government. At this time, we recommend that clubs have their own boards determine their requirements for their own unique indoor, outdoor, and age specifications, which may be more stringent than these guidelines.

Starting on Monday, September 13th, 2021, the BC proof of vaccine protocols will be set in place.

[BC Vaccine Card Guide for Businesses](#)

[BC Vaccine Card General Information](#)

At this time, here is a summary of what the changes mean for our sport in BC:

- 1) The new requirements are additions to the indoor guidelines only.
- 2) The terms “youth” or “children” now apply to persons 19 years and under (previously 22 yrs).
- 3) All youth and children are exempt from the proof of vaccine order and are not required to show proof of vaccine.
- 4) All persons who are supporting a youth/child program are also exempt and not required to show proof of vaccine. These include but are not limited to coaches, officials, trainers, parents, and volunteers.
- 5) With regard to spectators, if your event is for adult players, then both players & spectators will have to show proof of vaccination. If your event is for youth, spectators are not required to show proof of vaccination. We recommend that our clubs review this guideline with their board to determine whether they wish to amend it to require vaccinations for all spectators.



We know that many clubs have already implemented their own guidelines and protocols requiring proof of vaccinations for entry to their clubs. This guide represents the minimum regulations to be followed. It is up to each club to decide whether to follow these guidelines implicitly or whether to create and follow their own more stringent guidelines.

All current regulations remain in place at this time (attached at the end of this document).

Once again, we do expect to receive more detailed information over the coming weeks, and we will be updating and disseminating this document whenever changes are relayed to us.

A reminder to double check with your local and regional health authorities as they may implement stricter regulations that need to be followed.

Stay safe and have fun!

Thank you,

Your Tennis BC Team



RETURN TO PLAY

GENERAL PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- 1. Be compliant with the guidelines and restrictions issued by the BC Health authorities.**
- 2. Continue with contact tracing protocols already in place at this time.**
- 3. Communicate with your participants to advise them of what hygiene measures you have in place and what is expected of them.**

INDOOR TENNIS

1. Masks are mandatory in all public indoor settings, when not engaged in physical activity.
2. Recreational travel is allowed now within Canada.
3. Spectators are allowed, up to 50 people or 50% of the facilities capacity.

OUTDOOR TENNIS

1. There are no restrictions currently for outdoor play, for either adults or youth.
2. Spectators are allowed, up to 5000 people or 50% of the facilities capacity.

For your information, we are also sharing the [BC Governments Restart Plan Chart](#)

STEPS	Criteria	PHO Guidance	Personal Gatherings	Organized Gatherings	Travel	Sports & Activities	Businesses	Offices & Workplaces
1 MAY 25	C: stable H: stable D1: 60%	Masks mandatory, indoor public spaces Physical distancing If sick, stay home and get tested	Outdoor personal gatherings – up to 10 people Indoor visitors – up to 5 people or 1 household	Indoor seated organized gatherings – up to 10 people Outdoor seated organized gatherings – up to 50 people	Recreational travel within your zone Non-essential travel between zones restricted	Low-intensity indoor fitness classes Outdoor local team games and practices for all ages – no spectators	Indoor & outdoor dining – up to 6 people Liquor service – 10PM Existing WorkSafeBC Safety Plans remain in place	Start gradual return to workplaces and offices Existing Safety Plans remain in place
2 JUNE 15	C: declining H: declining D1: 65%	Masks mandatory, indoor public spaces Physical distancing If sick, stay home and get tested	Outdoor personal gatherings – up to 50 people Indoor visitors – up to 5 people or 1 household Playdates	Indoor seated organized gatherings – up to 50 people Sector consultations on next steps on indoor and outdoor gatherings	BC recreational travel BC Transit and BC Ferries – increased services as needed	High-intensity indoor fitness classes - reduced capacity Indoor team games for all ages – no spectators Spectators for outdoor sports – up to 50 people	Liquor service – midnight Banquet halls reopen – limited capacity, Safety Plans Sector consultations on next steps on easing of restrictions	Continue return to work Small in-person meetings
3 JULY 1 (earliest date)	C: low H: declining D1: 70%	Masks – recommended Careful social contact If sick, stay home and get tested	Return to usual on indoor and outdoor personal gatherings Sleepovers	Increased capacity, indoor and outdoor gatherings – Safety Plan Fairs and festivals with Safety Plan	Canada recreational travel	All indoor fitness classes – increased capacity Limited spectators for indoor sports	Dining – no group limit Casinos and nightclubs – limited capacity Operate based on new Safety Plans	Seminars and bigger meetings Operate based on new Safety Plans
4 SEPT 7 (earliest date)	C: low H: low D1: 70%+	Masks – personal choice Normal social contact If sick, stay home and get tested	Normal social contact	Increased capacity on large organized gatherings (i.e. concerts)	Canada recreational travel	Increased indoor and outdoor spectators Return of normal sport competitions – Safety Plans	Continue to operate based on new Safety Plans	Fully re-opened offices and workplaces

C: C-19 case counts H: C-19 hospitalizations D1: minimum % of people 18+ with dose 1



BC'S RESTART: A PLAN TO BRING US BACK TOGETHER

Once again, we thank you wholeheartedly for you've done during this very challenging time in our history. As we all continue to make this effort together, you have shown us just how strong our tennis community really is!

Related Links:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/CleaningDisinfecting_PublicSettings.pdf

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>

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