

**VIA EMAIL**

November 19, 2020

**Attention:** BC Soccer Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs

**From:** BC Soccer

**Re:** Provincial Health Authority Announcement from November 19, 2020

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Clubs,

The BC Health Authority and specifically Dr. Henry, announced added health Orders on November 19, 2020. We have been in contact with ViaSport, the body that provides direction to the sport sector in BC and is the link between the BC Health Authority and the BC Sport Sector. ViaSport has confirmed they are currently working to provide clarity regarding the recent announcement.

BC Soccer's current understanding of the new Orders, which apply to all members and sanctioned soccer activity, are the following:

- It is effective until December 7, 2020 at midnight.
- It applies to all regions of the Province.
- Indoor soccer can only occur under [BC Soccer's Phase 1 Guidelines](#).
  - o No spectators are permitted.
- Outdoor soccer (based on the Order):
  - o **Can** occur under the current [BC Soccer Phase 2 Guidelines](#) (where soccer has been since the cohort model was introduced) **with the following added restrictions:**
    - No spectators are permitted.
    - Player/team travel (and refereeing assignments) must be limited.\*

***\*Importantly:** Dr. Henry used language referencing "community" and "region". We are seeking clarification from ViaSport on the definition of community and/or region so we can apply it appropriately for sanctioned soccer. ViaSport advised us today at 4:50 pm that they are awaiting clarification on this from the Health Authority.*

[CLICK HERE](#) for additional information from the BC Government on "Athletic Activities".

**NOTE:** soccer decision making occurs at all jurisdiction levels; be it player/parent, team, club, district, league, provincial, and at the national level. Provincially, soccer in BC can continue to occur under [BC Soccer's Phase 2 Guidelines](#) (with the above temporary restrictions in place). Importantly, decisions at the team, club, district, and/or league levels also impact soccer. Field and facility owner decisions, such



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as municipalities, also affect soccer activity/delivery, with the ultimate decision-maker being the player/parent/participant and their choice to participate.

As we have continued to do since March 2020, we will provide updates and information as and when appropriate as we collectively work through the seemingly everchanging situation.

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BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff