

**VIA EMAIL**

February 5, 2021

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

**From:** BC Soccer

**Re:** Return to Play Update – Current Restrictions Extended by BC Health Authority

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Clubs,

Today the BC Health Authority, and specifically Dr. Henry, extended the current health orders until at least the end of February which we must comply with. The information is on the [BC Government website](#) and we remind all members and affiliated clubs that the following applies to sanctioned soccer activity in BC (minor updates in yellow to provide clarity based on questions in response to the January 7 memo):

- The Order applies to all regions of the Province.
- Indoor and outdoor soccer for adults (22 years and older) is suspended.
- Indoor and outdoor soccer for youth (under 22 years of age) can occur under [BC Soccer's Phase 1 Guidelines](#) (the previous phase where players participated in-club/team "distance training" with no game-play) with the following restrictions in place:
  - o Physical distance (3 metres).
  - o No spectators.
  - o Players may travel to their home club/team for the purpose of participating in soccer. **Per BC Soccer rules, players can only be registered to one team in one club.**
    - The only player exemption is noted on the BC Government [website](#).
  - o **Team practices must be on their assigned fields.**

Please know that we continue to advocate for soccer to at least move back to where soccer was in the Fall of 2020. We do this via our ongoing dialogue with ViaSport, the link between the BC Health Authority and the BC Sport Sector. Even with this dialogue, we have no indication on what changes may come and when. The ultimate decision makers are the BC Health Authority.

Thank you all for your understanding and the hard work you are all doing to support soccer through these everchanging times.

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CC: Charlene Krepiakovich, CEO, ViaSport British Columbia  
BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff