

VIA EMAIL

February 26, 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,

As you may have heard yesterday, the BC Health Authority and specifically Dr. Henry, indicated that the current provincial restrictions are to remain in effect. In their statement, they said that they are closely monitoring the situation and are looking ahead as to when it will be it safe to increase interactions in a limited way, which could include opportunities for sport/soccer.

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:

- 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 *strongly advocate* for soccer through 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