

Dear Squash BC Facility members

A quick check-in following Monday's (Dec. 7, 2020) Provincial Health Office (PHO) update with the extension to the restrictions imposed on November 19, 2020 through to midnight January 8, 2021 (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>).

Dr. Henry also indicated that a new Order for sport and fitness will be forthcoming. The viaSport team, working on behalf of all provincial sport organizations, continues to work daily with public health to express the concerns and recommendations of the sport community. In particular, viaSport is working to confirm definitions of individual sport, community, high-performance and group size. These areas are of particular importance to squash and to our understanding of the restrictions related to our game.

We expect the Order and viaSport's subsequent adjusted guidelines for return to sport will provide further clarity on the existing state of sport in the province. Squash BC will notify you immediately when it becomes available.

It's unfortunate that our sport does not yet have more clarity around the extended restrictions that are in place, but we understand health and safety is the priority. We're all in this together and have to do our part as individuals and organizations. In the meantime, please remind your players that the intent of these orders is specifically to reduce adult gatherings and safely physical distance.

And please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards

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