

Dear members of the BC Squash community,

Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of the entire squash community. Yesterday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the BC government declared a state of emergency to support COVID-19 response. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0017-000511>

As a result of the novel Coronavirus COVID-19, all Squash BC sanctioned tournaments, leagues and events have been either cancelled or postponed until further notice. Many clubs and facilities around the province have already started to close their doors. With these latest developments, we are encouraging affiliated and non-affiliated squash facilities, that have not done so already, to immediately temporarily suspend all squash activity.

While we recognize that this is a decision that can only be made by a Club or Facility, we all have a role to play and share in the responsibility to minimize risks related to COVID-19.

Squash BC and our National Sport Organization, Squash Canada, are committed to continue working alongside our partners to ensure that we are making informed decisions, in alignment with our values, while continuing to work towards the best possible outcome for all those involved in our sport and the broader community.

We will continue to closely monitor all COVID-19 developments. For your convenience, below are links to official government communications that cover our jurisdiction so you can stay informed

In British Columbia – BC Centre for Disease Control  
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/case-counts-press-statements>

Minister of Tourism, Arts, and Culture - the Honourable Lisa Beare, shared a message today on COVID-19  
<https://www.viasport.ca/news/message-minister-lisa-beare-covid-19>

Federally - Government of Canada  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Let's all work together and play our part in supporting this COVID-19 response!  
Stay healthy and remain informed.

## **NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE**

Squash BC has decided to close its office, with staff continuing to work remotely from home. While the doors may be closed, Squash BC remains open for business.

Sincerely

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