



November 10, 2020

LETTER FROM THE BCLA PRESIDENT

RE: COVID-19 REGIONAL RESTRICTIONS - LACROSSE ACTIVITY UPDATE

Dear BCLA Members:

This is new information as of November 10, 2020. See bullets below for details.

This message is a follow up to BC Lacrosse Association's (BCLA) November 9, 2020 President's Message regarding Lacrosse activity updates and the BC Health Authority and Dr. Bonny Henry's announcements. As stated, the BCLA will continue to update our members as we receive new information. The latest information details regional restrictions and how it relates to BCLA Lacrosse activities.

A [Provincial Health Officer \(PHO\) Order](#) for individuals, places of work and businesses across the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley is now in place until Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM. This includes all communities within the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal Health regions, and focuses on four areas: social gatherings, travel, group physical activities, and workplace safety.

We have now received further clarification from viaSport, the body providing direction to the sport sector and the link between the BC Health Authority and sport. The clarification is also supported by the [Provincial Health Officer Order](#) information on the BC Government website.

With the new information we have currently gathered, the BCLA is advising what the announcement / Order means as it relates to BCLA Field Lacrosse activities in the Lower Mainland.

- The bans began at 10:00 PM Saturday November 7 and ends November 23 at 12:00 PM,
- It applies only to the [Fraser Health](#) and [Vancouver Coastal Health](#) Regions.
- Outdoor Field Lacrosse activities (games and practices) **CAN** occur in the current [BCLA Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines](#) (the current phase Lacrosse has been since adopting the cohort model).
- Based on the Order, team travel must be limited to stay within the Fraser Health Region and to stay within the Vancouver Coastal Health Region. To clarify this point, this means team travel to, from, and between the Fraser Health Region and the Vancouver Coastal Health Region **CANNOT** occur.
- Official and Umpire assignments must follow the same travel restrictions that travel to, from, and between the Fraser Health Region and the Vancouver Coastal Health Region **CANNOT** occur.

It is noted in the viaSport November 9 update, that it is recommended that no spectators attend either outdoor or indoor sport activities/events. Please be aware municipalities may have

updated their spectator restrictions and may vary from municipality to municipality. Please follow each local spectator guidelines.

Read the [viaSport November 9, 2020 update](#): Provincial Health Officer Order affecting the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley.

Decisions for lacrosse are made at various levels from the community, team, league, provincial and national levels. BC Lacrosse activities will continue under the BCLA Phase 3 Guidelines, but currently under temporary restrictions in place for the Lower Mainland until Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM

The BC Government and PHO will continue to update communities on information as it relates to COVID-19. The BCLA will provide updates and information as we learn more and as we work through the situation we are currently experiencing.

If you have any additional questions, please e-mail me at gerry@bclacrosse.com

Yours in Lacrosse,
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