



November 20, 2020

LETTER FROM THE BCLA PRESIDENT

RE: COVID-19 PROVINCE-WIDE RESTRICTIONS - LACROSSE ACTIVITY UPDATE

Dear BCLA Members:

This message is a follow up to BC Lacrosse Association's (BCLA) November 11, 2020 President's Message regarding Lacrosse activity updates and the latest BC Health Authority and Dr. Bonnie Henry's announcement on November 19, 2020. The BCLA will continue to update our members as we receive new information. The latest information details province-wide restrictions and how it relates to BCLA Lacrosse activities.

By order and direction of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), all individuals, places of work and businesses in BC must significantly reduce social interactions and travel. The order is in effect from November 19, 2020 at midnight to December 7, 2020 at midnight.

Read the [Provincial Health Officer Order](#) (updated November 20).

The BCLA's current understanding of the new Order and its application to BCLA Lacrosse activities in the Province of BC, are as follows:

- The Order is in effect until December 7, 2020 at midnight.
- The Order applies to all health regions in BC.
- Return to Phase 3 Lacrosse activities with the following restrictions added,
 - Athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, officials, & umpires, who live in one city/community, can not attend activities in other cities/communities.
- No spectators are allowed at any sport activities. The only people allowed to attend sport activities are those that provide care to a participant or player. (For example: coaches, team manager, and safety persons **CAN** attend).
- 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).

Read the [BCLA Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines](#)

Read the [viaSport November 20, 2020 update](#) message to sport leaders on province-wide restrictions.

The PHO press conference on November 19th and their notices use the words community, city, and regions in ways that create some ambiguity on the travel restrictions for play. The BCLA is working to get clarification. As of the writing of this notice, we do not have clarification. Until we get further instruction and clarification, play should only occur within city/community boundaries.

The BC Government and PHO continue updating information as it relates to COVID-19. The BCLA will provide updates and information as we learn more.

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

Yours in Lacrosse,
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