

Baseball Alberta COVID-19 FAQ

February 6th, 2021 UPDATE FROM AHS & GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

The Alberta Government has updated Covid-19 restrictions province wide with new restrictions taking effect as of February 8th, 2021. Baseball Alberta will update further details as they continue to be made available.

Mandatory restrictions - Province wide - Effective Feb. 8

What training and/or playing is currently permitted?

As part of Step 1 of the path forward, the following restriction changes come into effect on Monday, February 8. All other restrictions remain in place.

School and team sport activities are permitted.

Children and youth will be allowed to participate in limited school and team sport activities.

- Lessons, practices and conditioning activities are allowed for indoor and outdoor, team-based, minor sports/activities and school athletics.
- Games are not allowed.
- All participants must be 18 years old or younger, except coaches or trainers.
- Maximum of 10 total individuals, including all coaches, trainers, and participants.
- Physical distancing must be maintained between participants at all times:
 - 3-metres physical distance for indoor activities
 - 2-metres physical distance for outdoor activities
 - coaches or trainers may enter physical distancing space for brief interactions with participants (for example, to correct form or technique)
- Participants must be masked at all times, except during the training activity. Coaches/trainers/etc. must remain masked at all times.
- Access to change rooms must be limited, including accelerated arrival and departure, emergencies (for example, first aid) and washroom use.

One-on-one training is permitted

- Only one-on-one or one-on-one household training is permitted for indoor fitness activities (e.g. fitness in dance studios, training figure skating on ice, one-on-one lessons).
- Sessions have to be scheduled or by appointment. No drop-in or groups allowed.

What will my team need to do differently during these training sessions?

The following safety requirements will need to be followed:

- One-on-one sessions cannot interact with others and there must be a minimum of 3 metres distance between sessions in the same facility.
- Trainers must be professional, certified and/or paid trainers who are providing active instruction and correction. Passive supervision of a physical activity is not considered training.
- Trainers should remain masked during the session; clients are not required to wear a mask while exercising



- More than one trainer and client 'pair' are allowed into the facility, studio, rink, court, pool, ice surface, etc. so long as:
 - Each trainer and client stays 3 metres away from all other trainers and clients at all times, including in entryways and exits.
 - Each trainer can only interact with their assigned client, and each client can only interact with their assigned trainer.
 - No interaction between clients or between trainers is allowed.
 - No 'cycling through' multiple trainers as in circuit training.

ALL participants (coaches & players) must sign:

- Return to Baseball Questionnaire and Attestation
- Waiver / Acknowledgement of Risk (17 & Under) to be signed by parent or legal guardian
- Waiver / Acknowledgement of Risk (18 & Older) to be signed by player or coach
- Individual Contract Tracing Log – to be completed within 4 hours of start of session.
- Association Contract Tracing Log – to be completed by responsible adult for each session.

Where can I find these forms?

All forms can be found on the Baseball Alberta website under the "Return to Baseball" heading. The required waiver forms for players are also included in the RAMP registration set-up.

Is my insurance through Baseball Alberta currently valid?

Starting February 8th, Baseball Alberta insurance will be valid for all baseball training activities that follow the current public health measures. Associations looking to start 1-on-1 training or group training sessions that follow the public health measures must ensure all players / coaches are registered with their Association. The required waiver forms for players are included in the RAMP registration set up. For Associations not using RAMP as their main registration platform, please download the appropriate waivers from the Baseball Alberta website.

Associations must collect and store all forms as well as track all individual and group sessions using the Contract Tracing Logs.

One of my participants has contracted COVID-19, what should we do?

Albertans are legally required to isolate for 10 days if you tested positive or have any [core symptoms](#) that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition. All close contacts must quarantine for 14 days. A close contact in our case is defined as someone who comes into close physical contact without the use of PPE, comes into direct contact with infectious body fluids, or comes within 2 metres of them for more than 15 minutes.

Where can I find more information about the most up to date Alberta Government Guidelines?

For further details regarding the new stronger public health measures please visit:

<https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>



Will there be leagues in 2021?

The structure and format of any leagues will be dependant on the public health measures implemented at the time of the baseball season. We are currently in Step 1 of the Government's Four Step Plan. At this step only the training sessions listed above are permitted. Further restrictions are set to be lifted in Step Two and beyond, though details about what will be permitted in these steps have not been released.

The Return to Play guidelines will be available to associations and posted on our website once the current health measures are lifted and we are able to return to baseball.

