



## November 12, 2020 Update

This afternoon, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer issued a new Provincial Health Order affecting indoor group fitness classes and team sport activities, including minor hockey.

This order is in effect across Edmonton and surrounding areas, including the operating areas of SPMHA & its partner organizations. It will be in effect for two weeks, from November 13 until November 27.

Although we will not have full details of the new order until it is finalized and released, we do know:

- Prohibition on **indoor** sport activities will be in effect from November 13-27, including practices, games and competition.
- This public health measure is mandatory
- It does not apply to junior/collegiate/university or professional sports, as they already have additional public health measures in place to limit the risk of exposure.
- The ban does not include individual exercises or equipment use.
- The order applies to Edmonton & surrounding areas, Calgary & surrounding areas, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Fort McMurray & Red Deer

Over the coming days, we will be in contact with Hockey Alberta and Strathcona County, as well as our member leagues, to determine the impact of the temporary order and our plans for resuming activities. **Do not plan on attending any scheduled sessions beginning Friday, November 13.** Due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, potential prorated refunds of registration fees will be reviewed at the end of the season.

SPMHA and our partner organizations have been leaders within Hockey Alberta in coordinating and developing protocols for a successful return-to-hockey. We are proud of the work that has been done to help ensure our facilities are safe. We have been in regular contact with our governing authorities and facility operators to best ensure a safe playing environment for all participants. This temporary order is a reminder of how vigilant we all need to be in order to ensure the continued operation of our sport when we resume in two weeks. While group activities are banned during this period, we encourage our participants to continue with individual and/or outdoor exercise and activities.

We will share more information as we learn more. Provincial health officer orders are always a last resort, but right now these additional measures are required in the Alberta Health region. We need everyone to double down on our efforts to protect our community.

Best,

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