

CANADA ARTISTIC SWIMMING



COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE
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COVID-19 BACKGROUND

CANADA ARTISTIC SWIMMING TAKES THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF ITS ATHLETES AND STAKEHOLDERS SERIOUSLY.

WE SHARE THE GLOBAL CONCERNS RELATED TO THE SPREAD OF THE CORONA VIRUS COVID-19.

WE HAVE COMMITTED AS AN ORGANIZATION TO TRUST AND RESPECT THE OPINIONS AND DIRECTIONS OF THE WORLD'S HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE VARIOUS PROVINCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WITH JURISDICTION OVER THEIR OWN AREAS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THESE HEALTH LEADERS IN DETERMINING CAS'S OWN MEASURED RESPONSE APPROPRIATE TO CANADA AND OUR ORGANIZATION SPECIFICALLY.

OUR GOAL IS TO MINIMIZE THE RISK TO OUR PARTICIPANTS WHILE CONTINUING OUR OPERATIONS IN AS CLOSE TO A NORMAL ENVIRONMENT AS POSSIBLE.





EXPERT RECOMMENDATIONS

AT THIS TIME, PHAC HAS ASSESSED THE PUBLIC HEALTH RISK ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 AS LOW FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION IN CANADA. THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK OF MORE SEVERE OUTCOMES FOR CANADIANS CONTRACTING THE VIRUS WHO:

- ARE AGED 65 AND OVER
- HAVE COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS
- HAVE UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

CANADA'S PANDEMIC GOALS, WHICH ARE FIRST, TO MINIMIZE SERIOUS ILLNESS AND OVERALL DEATHS, AND SECOND TO MINIMIZE SOCIETAL DISRUPTION AMONG CANADIANS.

THIS APPROACH WILL GUIDE CANADA'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19. THIS GUIDANCE CONSIDERS THE CANADIAN CONTEXT AND IS BASED ON CURRENTLY AVAILABLE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE, EXPERT OPINION AND PUBLIC HEALTH ASSUMPTIONS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THEIR LEAD AND RESPOND TO THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS.



APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

CAS'S MEASURED APPROACH FOR EVENTS IS:

PHASE 1:

- INCREASED ATTENTION TO EDUCATION AND AWARENESS – BOTH IN ADVANCE AND ON SITE DURING OUR EVENTS. THIS WILL INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR BASIC PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF ANY ILLNESS, INCLUDING HAND WASHING, PROPER COUGHING AND SNEEZING PROTOCOL, AND MINIMIZING UNNECESSARY PHYSICAL CONTACT SUCH AS HUGGING OR SHAKING HANDS.
- DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION PACKAGE TO ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS – TO CONTAIN PLAN PHASES, HYGIENE REMINDERS, AND RESOURCES
- EASY TO UNDERSTAND POSTERS SENT TO TEAMS AND POSTED ON SITE.
- ADDITIONAL PERSONAL HYGIENE AND CLEANING FOCUS AT FACILITIES AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE AND WE WILL RECOMMEND TO ALL TEAM MANAGERS THAT PRECAUTIONARY STEPS BE TAKEN EACH DAY.
- CHANGE TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE COMPETITION TO INCREASE SAFETY: MODIFIED AWARD CEREMONIES WITH NO HAND SHAKING AND MINIMAL TOUCHING, REFEREES BEING ASKED NOT TO TOUCH COMPETITORS, EVEN TO COMFORT THEM, ETC.





APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

PHASE 2:

IF THE SITUATION REACHES A POINT WHERE THE CANADIAN OR PROVINCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES SUGGEST GREATER VIGILANCE THAN NOW, AUGMENTED REGISTRATION PROCEDURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO CHECK ALL ATHLETES, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICIALS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS FOR ANY SIGNS OF THE VIRUS BEFORE ISSUING ACCREDITATION. RESEARCH IS BEING DONE NOW TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THIS MIGHT BE EXECUTED AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNICATION.

ANYONE WHO PRESENTS WITH SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH CORONAVIRUS WILL BE ISOLATED UNTIL THEY CAN BE SEEN BY A LOCAL MEDICAL CLINIC FOR A DEFINITIVE DIAGNOSIS. DECISIONS MADE ON THE BASIS OF A CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS WILL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED BY THE VARIOUS HEALTH AUTHORITIES (INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE)

PHASE 3:

PER HEALTH AUTHORITY RECOMMENDATIONS – E.G. CLOSE EVENT TO SPECTATORS, CANCEL IF REQUIRED TO DO SO





CONTINGENCY PLANNING

IF FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES MANDATE OR STRONGLY RECOMMEND EVENTS BE CANCELLED, WE WILL FOLLOW THEIR GUIDANCE

IF QUALIFIER IS CANCELLED, DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH NATIONALS. NOTE ALL TEAMS QUALIFY REGARDLESS, AND THE DISCUSSION ABOUT SOLOS AND DUETS IS IN PROGRESS

IF WE DO NOT CANCEL THE EVENT, TEAMS/CLUBS CAN CHOOSE TO ATTEND OR NOT TO ATTEND

IF TEAMS CHOOSE NOT TO ATTEND, OTHER CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS BEING DONE RELATED TO THIS SITUATION AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN DUE COURSE



RESOURCES

- [HTTPS://WWW.CANADA.CA/EN/PUBLIC-HEALTH/SERVICES/DISEASES/2019-NOVEL-CORONAVIRUS-INFECTION.HTML](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html)
- [HTTPS://WWW.CANADA.CA/FR/SANTE-PUBLIQUE/SERVICES/MALADIES/2019-NOUVEAU-CORONAVIRUS.HTML](https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-publique/services/maladies/2019-nouveau-coronavirus.html)
- [HTTPS://WWW.CANADA.CA/EN/PUBLIC-HEALTH/SERVICES/DISEASES/2019-NOVEL-CORONAVIRUS-INFECTION/HEALTH-PROFESSIONALS/PUBLIC-HEALTH-MEASURES-MITIGATE-COVID-19.HTML](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html)
- [HTTPS://WWW.CANADA.CA/FR/SANTE-PUBLIQUE/SERVICES/MALADIES/2019-NOUVEAU-CORONAVIRUS/PROFESSIONNELS-SANTE/MESURES-SANTE-PUBLIQUE-UTILISEES-REDUIRE-COVID-19.HTML](https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-publique/services/maladies/2019-nouveau-coronavirus/professionnels-sante/mesures-sante-publique-utilisees-reduire-covid-19.html)

