

# Lac La Biche County

# *Report*

to Council

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Restriction Exemption Program

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** September 17, 2021

**CONFIDENTIAL:** This matter is not confidential.

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**Purpose:** To provide County Council with an update on COVID-19 information and options for the Bold Center and Portage Pool operations.

**Proposed Motion:**

Due to updated COVID-19, restriction County Council direct Administration to operate the Bold Center and Portage Pool following the Restriction Exemption Program.

**Options:**

- County Council directs Administration to operate the Bold Center with Option 1 Restriction Exemption Program, requiring proof of vaccination to participate in the Bold Center programs and activities.
- County Council directs Administration to operate the Bold Center with Option 2 following Capacity and Operating Restrictions, Administration would not require proof of vaccination of participation but there would be very limited programs provided to meet AHS restrictions.
- Due to recent COVID-19 restrictions, County Council approves the closing of the Bold Center until AHS restrictions are relaxed for the participation of programs and activities.

**Recommendation:**

Without the proof of vaccination AHS restrictions are very limited to providing programs and activities to the Community in the Bold Center and Portage Pool. The community has been dealing with COVID restrictions for over 18 months and wants to move forward with Community programs and activities within Community Recreation facilities. Proof of Vaccinations for participants brings us closer to regular services for the community.

**Background:**

As of Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the Alberta government has declared a Public Health Emergency and AHS has provided further COVID-19 restrictions for participation in Community Recreational Facilities. There are basically 2 options for Bold Center operations: Option 1 Restriction Exemption Program or Option 2 Follow capacity and Operating Restrictions. Administration has reviewed the AHS Restrictions Information and has provide an attached chart with the information and advantages and disadvantages to recommending operating with Option 1.

With implementing option 1- Restrictions Exemption Program we can operate the Bold Center and Portage Pool as usual if we only serve people (ages 12 and over) who have proof of vaccination; documentation of a medical exemption; or proof of a privately paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of service.

With implementing option 2 – Follow capacity and Operating Restrictions, we would be limited to offering youth programs, no adult group fitness or sport activities, and limited capacity occupancy for bookings and events.

The attached chart identifies the two option and the advantages and disadvantages with implementing Option 1.

With the direction of County Council, we would be implementing Option 1 or Option 2 on Monday, September 20, 2021.

**Strategic Alignment:** Recreation & Tourism

**Financial Implications:**

**Costs:** N/A

**Source of funding:** N/A

**Relevant Legislation, Policy or Practices:** Bold Center and Portage Pool Operations.

**Internal Impacts:** Both Option 1 and Option 2 will have impact to facility operations and community programs.

**Communication:** Communicate to the effected community groups and staff members.

**Attachments:** Options for COVID-19 Public Health Actions.

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