

Bold Center and Portage Pool

Options for COVID Public Health Actions

(for implementation September 20)

Option 1

Restriction Exemption Program⁽¹⁾

Option 2

Follow Capacity and Operating restrictions

Businesses that implement the Restrictions Exemption Program can operate as usual if they only serve people (ages 12 and over⁽²⁾) who have:

Proof of vaccination documentation of a medical exemption

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Proof of a privately-paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of service (tests from AHS or Alberta Precision Laboratories not allowed)

ADULTS

Indoor group classes and activities are not permitted.

Indoor competitions are paused except where vaccine exemptions have been granted.

Indoor one-on-one training and solo activities are allowed with 3 metre physical distancing.

Outdoor activities can continue with no restrictions.

YOUTH

Indoor group classes, training, and competitions are permitted, but participants are required to:

- screen for symptoms
- maintain 2 metres distancing, except youth while engaged in physical activity

- wear a mask, except youth while engaged in physical activity

Spectator attendance is restricted to 1/3 fire code capacity, attendees are limited to a single household or 2 close contact if living alone and must be masked and maintain 2 metres physical distancing

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Operational Staff recommended Option 1
Advantages
Keeps the facility and programs available including adults (i.e., fitness classes)
Supports the mental wellness and social connections of citizens - especially going into the colder months
Provides as many of our regular services and normal operations after 18 months of COVID
Citizens who have been vaccinated are not likely to accept restrictions of option two
Indoor dining can continue
Will be more manageable for administration
Disadvantages
Will limit access for adults’ programs who are unvaccinated or without exemptions
Providing proof and record keeping will be a challenge at first with limited information from AHS at present
May tax Recreation and Community Services Division and departments that provide support and service
Push back from those portions of the community that are not vaccinated (COVID fatigue)
Further recommendations
Additional security (initially – expect needed for 1-2 weeks)
Renters (i.e. Dance Studio) will be considered to be separate and will be responsible for their own COVID restrictions.
Single point of entry at front doors
Only take out from food vendors

While staff recommend option one, to allow as much access as possible and regular programming, we can also implement option two as this is a return to earlier restrictions.

(1) Businesses do not need to apply for the program. Audits and enforcement will occur to ensure rules are followed.
The Restriction Exemption Program would not apply to:

- businesses or entities that need to be accessed for daily living
- employees of businesses participating in the program
- children under 12

(2) Youth (under 18) sport, fitness, recreation and performance activities (Sept 16)
Indoor group classes, training, and competitions are permitted, but participants are required to:

- screen for symptoms
- maintain 2 metres distancing, except youth while engaged in physical activity
- wear a mask, except youth while engaged in physical activity