



<b>2022/ 2023 Pool Safety Plan</b>
Communicable Disease Response Plan - Jan. 2022 for Return to Sport 2.0

**Background:**

January 2022 the Covid-19 pandemic continues in the province. Mitigation strategies are still required by BC's Provincial Health Officer. ViaSport is working with the Province of British Columbia and the amateur sport sector to support organizations to operate safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. All sport activities in B.C. must follow B.C.'s Restart plan Step 3 and the PHO Order on Gatherings and Events.

Viasport - Return to Sport Guidelines 2.0 were updated December 2021. These are the current guidelines from the PHO for youth sport in BC:

- no max group size for participants, coaches, staff or officials
- outdoor sports physical distancing is not required in the field of play (pool) or outside the field of play (deck).
- indoor youth sport - no max. group size for participants, coaches, volunteers or officials; physical distance does not need to be kept in or outside the pool; masks not recommended when in the pool; masks are MANDATORY on deck and out of the .
- Adults 19 and older must show proof of vaccination. Youth participants are not required to show proof of vaccination.

City of Burnaby is recommending use of masks on deck at indoor pools. City has also imposed the restriction that all club swimmers be able to swim 25-50 meters unassisted.

**Barracudas Measures and Practices to reduce risk of transmission**

- participants, coaches & volunteers will self screen for Covid19 symptoms at home;
- participants, coaches & volunteers will not attend practice if they feel ill;
- participants, coaches & volunteers will inform the club promptly if they have been

diagnosed with Covid19 or have been instructed by Public Health to self-isolate; • participants, coaches and volunteers will be screened by the attendance taker prior to each practice;

- participants, coaches and volunteers will leave the training session if they exhibit symptoms during practices.
- participants, coaches and volunteers will sanitize their hands upon entering the pool facility.
- participants will bring their own masks, training equipment, filled water bottle and will come dressed for practice as there will be no use of change rooms. • only scheduled training groups, coaches and designated volunteers are permitted to be in the pool facilities at one time - no spectators.
- no use of pool change room.
- athletes should wear a mask upon arrival at pool, for attendance, and while on deck at the indoor pools.
- Masks are recommended for coaches at indoor pools and will be required for any coach that is not vaccinated.
- no dryland on deck

### **Program Planning**

- confirm age and ability of participants
- families will be reminded of Safety measures prior to the start of a the fall, winter and summer sessions.
- coaches will be trained in club's safety plan prior to the start of fall, winter and summer training sessions.

### **Contact Tracing**

- attendance
- written records 4 weeks after the completion of the session (fall / winter and summer) • outbreak procedures as directed by Public Health

### **On-going Monitoring**

- Barracudas board will monitor training sessions in session to assess effectiveness of measures
- Barracudas will immediately investigate and assess concerns raised by coaches, pool staff or member families regarding these policies.