



December 4th, 2020

To: All Affiliated Members, Clubs and Leagues

Dear football stakeholders;

Re: Public Health Orders Impacting Return to Sport for Football

The government of BC has announced additional restrictions that will have an immediate impact on the sport of football in British Columbia. The updated government announcement can be found here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions#athletics>

Simply stated, football must immediately return to phase 2 training as outlined in our Return to Sport Guidelines. However, there are some additional changes/clarifications that must be adhered to with immediate effect:

- Physical distance is now classified as 3 metres (not 2m as previously required)
- Players may travel to their home club/team for training.
- Teams may not travel outside their local city/municipality for training
 - o In cases where a community operates with more than once local government (e.g. North Vancouver, Langley, etc.), these geographic areas are being treated as a single “municipality” for team travel. For example, a team based in the Township of Langley can “travel” for training in the City of Langley.
- Indoor and outdoor football for adults (19 years and older) is suspended.

Please note:

- The government has not identified an end date for these restrictions
- The restrictions apply to all regions of the Province.

As always, the BCPFA will continue to liaise with Sport BC, Via Sport and our colleagues in other sports in order to stay as informed as possible about additional changes or shifts in the interpretation of public health orders.

Sincerely,

Keith Ryan
Executive Director