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FunTeam Alberta- Return to Play:

Coinciding with the Government of Alberta's recent September 20th, 2021 announcement regarding COVID-19 protocols, FunTeam Alberta Groups must follow the restrictions below in order to commence regular activities.

FunTeam Alberta groups are not required to submit their plans for approval, but all activity must adhere to Government of Alberta, regional, municipal, and facility regulations. Should groups require any assistance with implementing Return to Play protocols they can contact the FunTeam Alberta office. FunTeam Alberta reserves the right to remove or suspend sanctioning for any program.

Government of Alberta protocols

Please use this link to familiarize yourself with the Alberta Health Services guidelines and protocols specific to organized sports by clicking the link [here](#). – Below are the protocols that are specific to FunTeam group activities.

Mandatory Mask Mandate:

- FunTeam Group members are required to wear a mask or face covering when indoors entering facilities for group activities and within the dressing rooms.
- Participants are not required to wear a mask or face covering while participating in their activity.
- Volunteers must wear masks at all times while indoors. This includes when they are behind the bench in a coaching role.

FunTeam groups have the option to will be required to follow one of the two operating options as outlined by Alberta Health Services.

Capacity and Operation Guidelines:

- 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.
- Outdoor activities can continue with no restrictions.



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Regional municipalities will have their own guidelines that groups and participants must follow.

Depends on the health and safety requirements in Alberta as well as the needs of your local community.

Individual Facilities will have guidelines and protocols that must be followed

Facilities will adopt the standards required by the Government of Alberta, and update and adapt to changes as required. Those standards may differ between facilities or municipalities, so the onus is on the FunTeam Group to reach out as part of the facility rental agreement process for any clarification. They should also communicate these protocols with any other FunTeam group travelling for a game in advance.

FunTeam members and volunteers will also be held to the expectation to treat the facility and staff with the utmost respect. It is their hard work and sacrifice that is allowing our user groups to use their facilities. There will be zero tolerance for mistreatment of the staff that prevents them from doing their job.

- Restriction Exemption Program
 - Should a facility implement this program FunTeam volunteers and spectators will be required to provide proof of vaccination.
- Guidelines and requirements specific to physical distancing
 - Restrictions on the number of people allowed in public areas
 - Entry and/or re-entry rules? Will masks be required?
 - Areas not accessible in the facility – main lobby, dressing rooms, spectator area, etc?
 - Dressing rooms available? If not, what options are available for players and parents?
 - Common areas available to put on skates with marked physical-distanced seating?
 - Cleaning and disinfection processes implemented by facility owners?
 - Are there requirements of user groups to sanitize arena facilities or equipment as part of the rental agreement?
- The allowance of spectators is at the discretion of each facility and should they be allowed the following guidelines are in place:
 - 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.
 - It is required that all spectators wear masks in an indoor setting.



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FunTeam Alberta Registration protocols:

In order to receive FunTeam Alberta insurance coverage for the foreseeable future all groups and participants (when applicable) must complete the following documentation (on top of the already required registration documents) or will not be allowed to participate in any FunTeam activities:

- Declaration of Compliance (each FunTeam Group compelled by FunTeam Group Manager)
- Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement (each participant)

To commence the 2021/22 season as a FunTeam Alberta approved program, all programs MUST abide by the guidelines provided herein (which are based on the Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services). Given the fluid nature of the situation and the corresponding provincial/territorial public health advice, we have provided links to government resources on our website to allow our members to be up to date in their local jurisdictions. We highly encourage you to review these links for the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 response. Given the unknown nature of the COVID-19 pandemic at any time these guidelines may be altered.

Finally, a further thank you to our membership for your patience and cooperation during these unprecedented times. Your commitment to our sport and to the safety of its participants is admirable and much appreciated. Stay safe everyone.