



News Release

Provincial Health Order – Updates for SCRD Services & Facilities

Sechelt, BC – January 19, 2022 – On Tuesday, January 18, the BC Provincial Health Officer issued new health orders as the Province continues work on addressing rising COVID-19 case counts.

While some of what was announced is a continuation of the public health order that was issued in late December, there are some updates which will result in service changes at Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) facilities. Current impacts of the health orders are outlined below:

Recreation

- Beginning on January 20, adult fitness facilities and classes are once again allowed to operate with increased safety protocols and capacity limits. Capacity limits will be posted and may result in SCRD staff having to cap the number of people working out in a weight room at any one time. This may result in some patrons not being able to access these facilities at peak times. Should demand at peak times result in capacity limits being reached on a regular basis, the SCRD may move to pre-registered bookings for fitness centres.
- While fitness facilities will be back open starting January 20, classes will resume in the coming weeks as SCRD recreation staff work to put renewed public health protocols in place. Updates will be provided when available.
- Swimming pools can continue to operate at 50% capacity and everyone entering the facility is required to show proof of vaccination.
- Sport tournaments are still not permitted under the current Provincial Health Order.
- Masks are required indoors when not participating in a sport or while engaged in exercise (although it is strongly recommended even during exercise).
- Proof of vaccination is required for spectators and adult participants at indoor sporting events. Specific recreation activities, including, but not limited to, swimming, weight room access, recreation activities and arena and fitness programs will also be checked for vaccination status. Upon arrival, please be prepared to show your vaccination passport and corresponding piece of government ID.
- Non-employee supervisors, coaches and assistants of indoor sports and group activities for people 21 years or younger must be fully vaccinated.

Please note that the fitness centre at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre will be open on Sunday and on Monday afternoons. The pool will remain closed at these times due to a shortage of qualified lifeguards. Further information and updates can be found at www.scrd.ca/recreation-restart

BC Transit

- Face coverings must be worn on BC Transit buses.
- Capacity limits will also continue for buses on the Sunshine Coast.

Learn more on the BC Transit website at www.bctransit.com/covid-19/bus-etiquette.

Parks

- Capacity limits will be in place in the warming hut at Dakota Ridge and masks must be worn by users of the hut.

Community Halls

Indoor events at venues can have up to 50% capacity. In the case of any of the indoor events outlined below, attendees must be vaccinated, wear a mask and be seated for the duration of the event.

Examples of indoor events at venues include:

- Concerts, theatre, dance and symphony performances
- Sports events and movies
- Lectures, presentations and workshops
- Sponsored and ticketed events

SCRD Administration Building & Facilities

- Masks must be worn inside all SCR D buildings and facilities.

The SCR D appreciates the community's understanding at this time as staff work to implement health orders that have been set out by the Provincial Government. SCR D management and staff do not have any say in these orders and subsequent closures. Any further changes to closures / cancellations will be communicated to the community once known.

Further information on these Provincial Health Orders can be found here [on the B.C. Government's Website.](#)