

**To:** All Recreation Service Users  
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**Subject:** COVID Restriction Updates – Restart Step 3

As the Province has entered the BC Restart Plan Step 3, the City of Fort St John Community Services division has rescinded our COVID-19 Procedures for Public. The following information describes how restrictions in City Recreation buildings will change **beginning Friday, July 9, 2021**. In lieu of our former COVID Protocols, we have published the attached [COVID-19 Step 3 Event Procedures](#) that will apply to all events on City property. If you have questions about your booking or event request, please email [reservations@fortstjohn.ca](mailto:reservations@fortstjohn.ca) for more information.

### **Illness Protocols**

Citizens are asked to stay home and not enter any City facility if they are feeling ill.

### **Masking Protocols**

As of July 1, 2021 masks were no longer required inside City facilities. Masks are recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated and welcomed for anyone who wishes to wear one.

### **Bookings at City Facilities**

Events must follow guidelines provided in the City's [COVID-19 Step 3 Event Procedures](#), as well as any requirements set out by the [Provincial Health Officer](#).

### **Rescinded COVID-19 Restrictions**

- Parents and spectators are welcomed back into our facilities, please use your own discretion when physical distancing or mask wearing. Spectator seating distancing markers will remain in place for your reference and events must follow the [COVID-19 Step 3 Event Procedures](#).
- Building flow and capacity limit restrictions for regular operation have been removed. Physical barriers will remain in place where they do not interfere with operations.
- All washrooms, showers, and lockers have been opened for public use.
- Regular recreational programming will be re-introduced slowly, as staffing capacity returns to normal. Follow [City of Fort St John Recreation](#) on Facebook for on-going updates.
- Facility features such as play structures, basketball courts, and seating areas will return to normal operation.
- Daily Health Checks for programs and staff are no longer required.

### **Pre-registered and Drop-in Programming**

Pre-registration will remain in place for Pool and Recreation Programs such as swimming, fitness, and Open Oval sessions until further notice. Pre-registration will no longer be required for admission to the Northern Vac Track at the Pomeroy Sport Centre.