

## STEP 1 Expired

## STEP 2 Expired

## STEP 3 Effective July 1

## STEP 4 September 7 (Earliest)

### Outdoor swimming

- Practices and intra-club time trials permitted for youth (age group) and adult (masters).
- Physical distance not required in the pool and on starting blocks. Pool deck /change rooms etc. requires maintaining physical distance of 2m.
- Travel permitted to home club only.
- Maximum group size for adults (masters) and varsity teams is 50. If groups are mixed adult (masters) or varsity, and youth (age group), 50 persons maximum must be followed.
- No spectators permitted.

### Indoor swimming

- 3m physical distancing required for youth (age group) in the pool and on starting blocks. Pool deck / change rooms etc. requires maintaining physical distance of 2m.
- Adult (masters) swimming limited to two people.
- No spectators.
- Travel permitted to home club only

### High Performance swimmers

- Swimming Canada carded athletes may travel across the three travel zones.
- CSI Pacific identified swimmers who are not Swimming Canada carded can train, travel, and compete within their travel zone.

### General

- Sport participants are permitted to travel throughout BC
- General COVID safety protocols are still in place (handwashing, health checks, etc.)

### Outdoor swimming

- Maximum group size for adults (masters) is 50 people including coaches, volunteers, and officials.
- No maximum group size for youth (age group) and High-Performance swimmers.
- Practices, time trials and competition are permitted
- Inter-club participation is permitted
- Physical distancing is not required in the pool. Deck, change rooms etc. requires 2m physical distancing.
- Masks required in changerooms, not on pool deck.
- No more than 50 spectators permitted

### Indoor swimming

- All activities (masters, age group and High Performance) are limited to 50 participants, including coaches, volunteers, and officials.
- Practices, time trials and competition are permitted
- Inter-club participation is permitted
- Physical distancing is not required in the pool. Deck, change rooms etc. requires 2m physical distancing
- Masks required on deck and in changerooms.
- No spectators permitted

### General

- Respect individual comfort levels
- Facilities may continue to have restrictions and safety protocols in place. Please continue to work with your facility.
- Sport participants are permitted to travel throughout Canada and welcome visitors from across Canada.
- Clubs must transition from COVID-19 Safety Plans to [communicable disease prevention guidance from WorkSafe BC](#)
- The Province of BC extended COVID-19 liability coverage for organizations until December 31, 2021 through the COVID-19 Related Measures Act (CRMA).

### Indoor swimming

- No maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials.
- Physical distancing does not need to be maintained in the pool or on deck
- Some facilities may continue to require masks while on deck. Masks are still recommended for those 12 and over who have not received both doses of vaccine.
- For spectators, at a seated event you can have up to 50 or 50% capacity, whichever is greater.

### Outdoor swimming

- No maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials.
- Physical distancing does not need to be maintained in the pool or on deck
- Masks are not required on deck
- For spectators, at a seated event you can have up to 5000 or 50% capacity, whichever is greater.

Return to normal swimming competitions

**FOR STEPS 3 AND 4:** Transition will be dependant on case counts, hospitalizations, and vaccination rates. Swim BC COVID-19 guidance documents will be developed to fit the steps outlined in this Return to Swimming – Restart 2.0 Chart.

Please note: In previous Return to Swimming Guidelines the “cohort” model was used. This concept no longer applies to Return to Swimming – Restart 2.0

New Guidelines produced by Swim BC will not contain specific guidance that is represented by other organizations or government agencies. To remain timely and to represent accurate information to our membership, we will refer to the specific websites for that information.

## **IMPORTANT LINKS:**

- [viaSport Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Government of British Columbia Gathering and Events Order](#)
- [Travel Restrictions in BC](#)
- [WorkSafeBC](#)
- [B.C. Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [WorkPlace Safety](#)
- [Government of BC COVID-19 Restrictions Information](#)

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