



November 24, 2020

LETTER FROM THE BCLA PRESIDENT

RE: COVID-19 PROVINCE-WIDE RESTRICTIONS - LACROSSE ACTIVITY UPDATE

Dear BCLA Members:

This message is a follow up to BC Lacrosse Association's (BCLA) November 20, 2020 President's Message regarding Lacrosse activity updates and the latest BC Health Authority and Dr. Bonnie Henry's announcement on November 19, 2020. The BCLA will continue to update our members as we receive new information. The latest information details province-wide restrictions.

The BCLA has further updates to report and how it relates to BCLA Lacrosse activities. We are in constant contact with viaSport, who are working to gain further clarification from the BC Health Authority. We continue to wait for the official written Order from the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) that came into affect November 20, 2020 at midnight.

Read the [province-wide restrictions](#) by order and direction of the PHO (updated November 24).

The BCLA's current understanding of the new Order and its application to BCLA Lacrosse activities in the Province of BC, with the following restrictions, are as follows:

- The Order is in effect until December 7, 2020 at midnight.
- The Order applies to all health regions in BC.
- Lacrosse activities (games and practices) **CAN** occur in the current BCLA Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines (the current phase Lacrosse has been since adopting the cohort model).
- No spectators are allowed at any sport activities. The only people allowed to attend sport activities are those that provide care to a participant or player. (For example: coaches, team manager, and safety persons **CAN** attend).

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- **Individual** athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, officials, & umpires, who live in one city/community, **CAN** attend lacrosse activities in other cities/communities.
- **Team** travel is prohibited and must be limited to stay within each city/community. **Team** travel to, from, and between cities/communities **CANNOT** occur. Team location is based on the team's association/club location in which the team is registered.

The PHO press conference on November 19th and their notices use the words community, city, and regions in ways that create some ambiguity on the travel restrictions for play.

Read the [BCLA Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines](#)

The BC Government and PHO continue updating information as it relates to COVID-19. The BCLA will provide updates and information as we learn more.

Please note that once the final written Order from the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) is written and available, along with viaSport's clarification, we may be required to adjust further.

If you have any additional questions, please e-mail me at gerry@bclacrosse.com

Yours in Lacrosse,
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