



June 30, 2021

**LETTER FROM THE BCLA PRESIDENT**

**RE: LACROSSE ACTIVITY UPDATE – Lacrosse Restart Plan 2.0 – STEP 3**

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Dear BCLA Members:

Yesterday the BC Government announced the move to STEP 3 of BC's Restart Plan, effective July 1, 2021.

Moving into Step 3, we are expecting a significant shift with events and spectators to be less restrictive. Here are the relevant changes affecting lacrosse in the **BC Restart Plan Step 3**:

- **Group Size:** there is no maximum group size;
- **Travel:** Canada-wide travel allowed;
- **Physical Distance:** does not need to be maintained on or off the field of play;
- **Outdoor sport:** up to 5,000 people or 50% of a facility capacity, whichever is greater;
- **Indoor sport:** up to 50 people or 50% of a facility capacity, whichever is greater;
- **Masks:** are not required on or off the field of play. Masks are recommended in indoor public spaces for all people 12 and over who are not fully vaccinated off the field of play.
- Return to normal for sports and exercise facilities, with communicable disease plans.

viaSport BC is updating their Return to Sport Restart 2.0 Chart and frequently asked questions. Once this is received from viaSport BC, the BCLA will circulate our Return to Lacrosse Step 3 Guidelines reflecting these and their application to Lacrosse. We expect this information will be to us later this week.

Organisations and businesses must transition from COVID-19 Safety Plan a Communicable Disease Plan. Each jurisdiction's requirements may vary. Each city/municipality/facility may develop unique plans. Please engage local health and your city/municipality facilities to ensure correct procedures are followed for Lacrosse activities.

We must continue our Return to Lacrosse activities safely. We must still prevent and reduce communicable disease through hand hygiene, stay at home when not feeling well, etc. Understand lacrosse activities gradually transition from one step to another. Not all associations/clubs are providing programming for the same timeframes. Check with your local association/club for their plans.

Remain patient with your facilities and association/club volunteers. They must transition their operational capacities and may not be able to respond immediately to these changes.

These links will assist in the steps involved in opening up sports.

Please see the [BC Restart Plan](#)

Please see the [viaSport BC website](#)

Please see the [viaSport's Restart Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Please see the [Provincial Health Officer Order on Gatherings and Events](#) (latest update)

Please see [Province-wide Restrictions](#)

Please see [WorkSafe BC for Preparing for Step 3 of BC's Restart: Communicable disease prevention](#)

This is how sport and the BCLA will proceed under the viaSport BC Restart Plan in Step 3. Sport activities will now be less restrictive and will resemble a more normal sport experience. The BCLA will continue to update our members as we learn more from the BC Government, PHO and viaSport BC.

Thank you for your hard work in keeping lacrosse front and centre so our athletes continue to develop. Your efforts are appreciated. We look forward to enjoying lacrosse action in an arena again. If you have any additional questions, please e-mail me at [gerry@bclacrosse.com](mailto:gerry@bclacrosse.com)

Yours in Lacrosse,  
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