



MEMORANDUM

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TO: VIAHA Membership
FROM: Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President
COPY: VIAHA Officers and Staff
SUBJECT: Return to Phase 2

In Dr. Bonnie Henry's press conference yesterday she advised that "Structured child and youth programs and sport are permitted but must meet and follow the viaSport Phase 2 requirements". This means the recreational games that had been scheduled for this weekend are cancelled. All MHAs and teams are required to amend their programs and practices to comply with Phase 2 restrictions which are printed below.

viaSport Transition Measures – Phase 2	
Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain Physical Distance (2m)• No non-essential travel (not outside your MHA or member team)• No group gatherings over 50 people
Enhanced Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased hand hygiene• Symptom Screening in place
Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor is safest• Indoor facilities reduced access (no adult team sport)
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Groups• No or limited spectators
Non-contact Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fundamental movement skills• Modified training activities, drills
Contact Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should not occur• Contact sports should look for non-contact alternatives to training
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In club play (member) or modified games (where physical distance can be maintained)
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimal shared equipment• Disinfect any shared equipment before, during and after use
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

We have not yet received the formal written Order however we have been advised by BC Hockey that it is best to assume the restrictions are to be considered in effect immediately. The Order will clarify timelines and viaSport and BC Hockey will issue their guidelines as soon as possible after the formal order has been released.



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I'm sure I speak for all members of VIAHA when I say we are saddened by the situation however the decisions made by the Public Health Officer are made in the best interests of the health and wellbeing of all British Columbians and she has our full support.

We will keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President