

**VIA EMAIL**

November 20, 2020

**Attention:** BC Soccer Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs

**From:** BC Soccer

**Re:** Updated Clarification - Provincial Health Authority Announcement from November 19, 2020

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Clubs,

The BC Health Authority and specifically Dr. Henry, announced added Health Orders on November 19, 2020. We are still awaiting further clarification from ViaSport, the body that provides direction to the sport sector in BC and is the link between the BC Health Authority and the BC Sport Sector. However, based on the information on the BC Government website, specific to “Athletic Activities” located [HERE](#), BC Soccer is advising the following for sanctioned soccer activity in BC:

- The Order is effective until December 7, 2020 at midnight.
- The Order applies to all regions of the Province.
- **Indoor** and **Outdoor** soccer can occur under the current [BC Soccer Phase 2 Guidelines](#) (where soccer has been since the cohort model was introduced) **with the following added restrictions:**
  - o No spectators are permitted.
  - o Player travel (and refereeing assignments) must be limited to stay within each city/municipality. In the case where there is a city and municipality or two or more municipalities in the same area, we consider them combined as one (i.e. Township of Langley and City Langley are considered one). For clarity, this means player travel (and referee assignments) to, from, and between cities/municipalities can not occur. Location is based on the individual’s primary residence. The only player exemption is noted on the BC Government [website](#).

**NOTE:** soccer decision making occurs at all jurisdiction levels; be it player/parent, team, club, district, league, provincial, and at the national level. Provincially, soccer in BC can continue to occur under [BC Soccer’s Phase 2 Guidelines](#) (with the above temporary restrictions). Importantly, decisions at the team, club, district, and/or league levels also impact soccer. Field and facility owner decisions, such as municipalities, also affect soccer activity/delivery, with the ultimate decision-maker being the player/parent/participant and their choice to participate.

We will continue to liaise with ViaSport and when we receive further clarification and updates, we will share with the members and affiliated clubs accordingly.

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CC: Charlene Krepiakovich, CEO, ViaSport British Columbia  
BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff