

To: Local Coordinators and Local Committee members

Date: November 7, 2020 Topic: Return to Sport update

In accordance with the November 7 guidance issued by the Provincial Health Officer, all in-person Special Olympics BC programs in Regions 3, 4, and 5 must pause from November 7 at 10 p.m. to Monday November 23 at noon.

Out of an abundance of caution and care for members, we are pausing all indoor and outdoor programs in Regions 3, 4, and 5 for this period.

Programs in Regions 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8 can continue at this time. But everyone must continue to fully and carefully follow all the SOBC Return to Sport safety protocols. Everyone is asked to regularly check the Return to Sport resources on our website to ensure they are following all current protocols.

SOBC Return to Sport resources: https://www.specialolympics.ca/british-columbia/return-sport

In addition, in line with current recommendations from the Provincial Health Officer, wearing masks is now an expectation of all participants in all indoor programs (except swimming) moving forward. Any participants who need to apply for an exemption for medical reasons are asked to contact SOBC staff at covid@specialolympics.bc.ca.

Special Olympics BC will continue monitoring the provincial guidance and will continue providing updates.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email covid@specialolympics.bc.ca.

We ask that all Region 3, 4, and 5 Local Coordinators please confirm at your earliest convenience that you received this message and have communicated with any active programs to pause them.

Thank you all for your time and efforts.