

## **Greater Vernon Recreation Services Facilities - COVID-19 Protocol - Effective December 23, 2021**

Recreation Services continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation in British Columbia and the restrictions and guidelines put in place by Health Authorities, the Province and WorkSafeBC.

The Provincial Health Officer has updated the [Order of the Provincial Health Officer – Events and Gatherings – December 22, 2021](#) and made it available to the public.

The information below is the current requirements and may change. This form will be updated as required. Your patience and understanding is appreciated as we navigate this changing situation.

Programs and Services that **are INCLUDED** in the Order and **WILL** require proof of full, double vaccination with BC Vaccine Card and Government Issue ID are listed below:

- **Participants in the Vernon Aquatic Centre for all ages. This includes public swim, adult swim lessons, Masters swimming, and Aquafit Classes**
- Use of the Walking Track at Kal Tire Place.
- Adult (22+) sports activity. This includes drop-in sports organized by Recreation Services, including but not limited to: shinny, badminton, pickleball, table tennis, floor hockey, volleyball, touch tennis, and basketball, volleyball and hockey leagues and all indoor adult sport user group bookings, including gymnasium and arena rentals.
- Adult (22+) sport programs. This includes all sport programs organized by Recreation Services, including but not limited to: Basketball 35+, Pickleball Learn to Play, Max Golf, and Women's Hockey Learn to Play.
- Adult (22+) fitness activity. This includes all fitness classes organized by Recreation Services, including but not limited to: Minds in Motion, Choose to Move, Smart Fit, Osteofit, Osteofit for Life, Chair Yoga, Fit ABC, Get Up and Go, Yoga for Older Adults, Fit and FUNctional, Mat Pilates, and Buddha Re-Boot.
- Adult (22+) general programs. This includes all special interest classes organized by Recreation Services, including but not limited to: first aid, Fly Tying.
- **A gathering or event of people any age, in an inside place for entertainment purposes. This includes rentals of Greater Vernon Recreation facilities including, but not limited to: ticketed sports activities, conferences, conventions, trade fair, home show, and workshops**
- Adults who volunteer to supervise or assist children or youth programs (both indoors and outdoors). This includes coaches, time keepers, score keepers, team manager, etc.
- Spectators at *all* sporting events and programs regardless of capacity.
- Public Skating

It is expected that all those 12 years of age and older, participating in the above listed events and activities with Greater Vernon Recreation Services, produce their Vaccination Card **each time**, in accordance with the above noted Health Order.

Those 12-18 years of age will be required to produce their Vaccination Card, those 19+ will be required to show **both their Vaccination Card and valid government issued photo identification**.

Recreation Services staff will be verifying vaccination cards and photo ID where applicable.

Failure to produce the necessary documents will result in you not being able to participate and or spectate.

Programs and Services that are **EXCLUDED** from the Order and **WILL NOT** require proof of vaccination are listed below:

- **Use of the Centennial Outdoor Rink**
- **Participants in youth based (21 and under) activities and sport (eg: skating lessons swim lessons, and practices) held in the arenas (Kal Tire Place, Kal Tire Place North, and the Priest Valley Arena) and Vernon Aquatic Centre**

Other requirements of Provincial Health Orders:

- Masks are required to be worn by all those ages 5 and up when entering *all* facilities
- Masks *must* stay on at all times unless on the field of play or in the Aquatic Centre (pool area).
- Spectators must be provided a seat at inside events for sports, sport events, and child/youth programs. This means that for all practices and games, all spectators must be seated and remain in their seats unless using the washroom or purchasing food. There is no standing along the rails in the arenas.
- Capacity limits are at 50% capacity.
- **Indoor organized events for the purpose of a wedding reception, a funeral not at a funeral home, an adult fitness class, and New Year's Eve parties are not permitted.**

Facility Specific Guidelines for the Vernon Aquatic Centre:

- **Participants in the Vernon Aquatic Centre for all ages. This includes public swim, adult swim lessons, Masters swimming, and Aquafit Classes. Youth swim lessons, ages 12-21, and those under 12 are exempt from showing Proof of Vaccination when participating in these lessons.**
- Pool viewing area is closed to all spectators
- For swim lessons for ages 3-6, one spectator is required in the pool viewing for supervisions and must be fully vaccinated. You will be asked for your Vaccine Passport and Government issued photo ID every time, please come prepared.

Facility Specific Guidelines for Arena Sport Groups:

- Access to facility and changerooms is limited to 30 minutes before a rental and 30 minutes after.
- Entry points for arenas are:  
Priest Valley Arena – Players Entrance  
Kal Tire Place North – Main Entrance  
Kal Tire Place – Main Entrance for Spectators,  
Players Entrance for Players and Coaches

For more information on province-wide restrictions, BC's COVID-19 vaccination program and the provincial proof of vaccination program, please visit [gov.bc.ca/covid19](http://gov.bc.ca/covid19).

For more information on how the updated order will affect programs and activities with Greater Vernon Recreation Services, please visit [www.gvrec.ca](http://www.gvrec.ca).

Recreation Services thanks all of our patrons, participants, and user groups for their cooperation in abiding with this Order set by the Provincial Health Officer.

Thank you.