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## Information Bulletin – COVID-19 Update RESTARTMB

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Dear Members and Supporters,

The Government of Manitoba issued new Public Health Orders effective from March 5, 2021 until March 26, 2021

([https://www.manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/proactive/2020\\_2021/orders-soe-03042021.pdf](https://www.manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/2020_2021/orders-soe-03042021.pdf)).

Under these orders, swimming pools are allowed to open under the restrictions set out in the Health Orders [see Order 14(3) a, b, c and 14(4)a, b].

The operator of an indoor sporting facility must:

- a) ensure that any group of persons participating in a sporting activity at the facility, excluding coaches or instructors, does not exceed 10 persons. This includes lessons and the total number of people must not exceed 25% of pool capacity.
- b) take reasonable measures to ensure there is no interaction between different groups of participants who are engaging in a sporting activity at the facility at the same time; and
- c) limit the number of persons in dressing rooms to 50% of the usual capacity or to a number that ensures that all persons in the dressing room are able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other persons, whichever is lesser.

The operator of an indoor sporting facility must:

- a) implement measures to ensure that members of the public at the facility are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other members of the public at the facility, excluding participants engaged in a sporting activity; and
- b) limit occupancy to all portions of the facility other than dressing rooms and the areas where sporting activities are conducted to 25% of the usual capacity.

As per Order 27, individuals who enter or remain in a public place must “wear a mask in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin without gapping” [Order 27 (1)]. In the case of swimming pools, a mask must be worn at all times, except when that person is swimming or acting as a lifeguard [Order 27 (3)(d)].

When teaching and evaluating courses, all the guidelines previously issued by the Lifesaving Society must be adhered to. All of these checklists and guidelines are available from the COVID-19 section of our web site (<https://lifesaving.mb.ca/member-services/covid-19-information/>).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Society if you need help finding trainers to recertify your staff, if you have any questions, or if you need anything else.

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