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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 **July 17, 2021** until **August 7, 2021** ([https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/proactive/20212022/orders-soe-07152021.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/20212022/orders-soe-07152021.pdf)).

Lifesaving Society Manitoba has consulted with Manitoba Public Health to clarify several areas of the orders, and to help address questions sent to us by members.

- Under these orders, Indoor and Outdoor pools may open to the public up to a maximum capacity of 50% of their bather load. The facility must continue to implement measures that maintain a separation of at least two metres between members of the public.
- The maximum size for all aquatic classes is 25 individuals, including the instructor. This includes programs such as Aquasize. These limits exceed the maximum student to instructor ratios allowed for Lifesaving Society Programs. When programming Lifesaving courses, please adhere to the policies found in the Program Guide (<http://lifesaving.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/ManitobaProgramGuide.pdf>). Facilities must take reasonable measures to ensure there is no interaction between different groups of participants engaging in an activity at the facility at the same time.
- We have received further clarification regarding mask wearing:
  - Lifeguards on duty are not required to wear a mask at either an indoor or outdoor pool.
  - Patrons at an indoor pool must wear a mask at all times, except when swimming.
  - Swimming instructors working at an indoor pool must wear a mask at all times, except when they are in the water with their classes.
  - Masks are not required for patrons or staff who are outdoors at an outdoor pool. They do, however, have to maintain physical distancing. Masks are required for all patrons and staff when inside a change house or other structure.
- Manitoba Public Health has communicated that in addition to all the information listed above, they expect all previously published Lifesaving Society guidelines for evaluation and training will be adhered to. All 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 have any questions, or if you need anything else.

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