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COVID-19  
COMPREHENSIVE  
SAFETY PLAN

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**\*\*\*\*Please note: This plan is subject to change based on the requirements of the BC Ministry of Health; Via Sport Canada & Volleyball BC. \*\*\*\***



## Covid-19 Safety Plan & Return to Play

Following the guidance from Volleyball BC, viaSport and Worksafe BC, please refer to this document as a guideline for the measures VolleyTech Volleyball Club will be taking to protect our staff and participants.

### Key Guiding Principles

1. Participants, Coaches and Family Safety is paramount and at the forefront of all the decisions the VolleyTech Volleyball Club is making to safely Return to Play.
2. Participants, Coaches and Families involved in VolleyTech training must understand and adhere to all public health restrictions and follow the structures put in place by Volleyball BC's Return to Play.

### Return to Play Principles

\*Currently we are in the **Progressively Loosen** Phase of Volleyball - Volleyball BC will notify us when we can transition to a different training phase, this can work both ways, either reducing training opportunities or expanding. We will communicate with you when we get more information. Therefore, training methods will be fluid and change and adapt throughout the season.

1. **Cohort Training** - Training will be conducted in training cohorts that will be the same every training session. These cohort groups will not be mixed to limit exposure.
  - a. Group sizes are limited to 12 players and 1 coach per court
2. **Transition Times Scheduled** - There will be sufficient time scheduled between training events to allow for proper social distancing.
  - a. Athletes are asked to depart as quickly as possible post training to allow for a safer transition between training sessions.
  - b. Athletes are asked to arrive just before training begins to allow for safer transition between training sessions.
  - c. Adhere to Volleyball BC's recommendation of: "Get In. Train. Get Out". Participants should not congregate or socialize before or after the activity.
3. **Group and Gathering Limits**
  - a. Spectators are not permitted as they increase our allowed "gathering" size. We are not permitting spectators at the training facility.
4. **Limited On-Court Contact and Limited Physical Distance**
  - a. Participants must continue to maintain physical distancing off court
    - i. Two meters apart from one another at all times, **except for on court\***
    - ii. Non-contact activities only



- iii. No handshaking, high fives, hugging, etc.
- b. All training will be structured to minimize physical distancing while on the court
- c. Competition or games within cohorts will be allowed to a maximum of 100 participants.
- d. Blocking will be permitted.

## 5. Cleaning Best Practices

- a. **Spacing of Player Equipment:** Player equipment will be spaced accordingly to prevent close contact.
  - i. Balls will not be shared between training sessions that train at the same time. Balls will be cleaned before and after each training session to be used with the next session at the following time slot. Balls and any shared equipment will be sanitized prior to the next training session using them.
  - ii. Should a ball from another court enter training, ball must be returned using feet, not hands.
- b. **Limit Team Shared Equipment:** The use of team shared equipment will be limited to training sessions on their own court.
  - i. Shared equipment will be sanitized before and after the next training session using them.
- c. **Hygiene/Hand Washing/Touching Face/Laundering:** Players and coaches should practice proper hygiene,
  - i. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol)
  - ii. Abstain from touching their face (mouth, eyes, or nose)
  - iii. Hand sanitizer/cleanser will be provided for staff and participants at each session.
  - iv. Participants will be required to use sanitizer before and after training. We are asking athletes to bring their own personal sanitizer for their use.
- d. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** – All staff will be provided with non-medical grade facemasks and be asked to wear masks where distances of 2m may not be strictly observed. Players wishing to utilize masks will be asked to provide their own non-medical mask.
- e. **Water Bottles:** Athletes and coaches should bring their own water bottles to all team activities to help to reduce transmission risk.

## 6. Participant Health:

Participants must be healthy with no signs or symptoms of illness or underlying condition.

- a. Participants will answer a quick wellness questionnaire/self-assessment prior to commencing each training session. If a participant is showing signs of cold, flu, or COVID-



- 19 with coughing or sneezing, they must be removed from the activity and self-isolate immediately.
- b. Participants should know the common symptoms of COVID-19 and stay away if displaying symptoms.
  - c. Participants must stay home if
    - i. They don't feel well or are displaying symptoms of COVID-19
    - ii. Someone in their household has COVID-19 or is showing symptoms of COVID-19
    - iii. They have traveled outside of Canada within the last 14 days
    - iv. Someone in their household has traveled outside of Canada within the last 14 days
    - v. They have been in contact with a known/presumptive case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
  - d. Participants who are over 65 years, immuno-compromised, or who have underlying health conditions are deemed to be higher risk. Underlying health conditions include hypertension, diabetes, COPD/asthma, cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular disease, and higher thromboembolism risk. Volleyball is not recommended for these individuals.
    - i. Those who live with high-risk individuals should consider their participation carefully. For more information about return to play for higher-risk individuals see page 16 of [viaSport BC's guidelines](#).

**Participation and attendance in VolleyTech Volleyball training can be denied by a staff member if any of the above guidelines are not being met by an athlete or spectator OR if illness is suspected. We reserve the right to refuse participation in training as a measure to keep our staff and athletes safe.**



## Illness Policy

(Adapted from viaSport's [Return to Sport Guidelines – Appendix C](#))

In this policy, "Team Member" includes an employee, volunteer, participant, or parent/spectator.

1. Participants and coaches will be required to fill out the [Volleyball BC Declaration Compliance Form](#)
2. Inform your coach or program coordinator immediately if, you feel any symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite.
3. **Assessment**
  - a. Team members must review the self-assessment signage located at the beach courts prior to commencing training to attest that they are not feeling any of the COVID 19 symptoms.
  - b. Managers/coaches will visually monitor team members to assess any early warning signs as to the status of their health and to touch base on how they are regarding their personal safety throughout the workday/practice/activity.
  - c. If Team Members are unsure please use the self-assessment tool <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en> or through the COVID-19 BC Support App self-assessment tool.
4. **If a Team Member is feeling sick with COVID-19 symptoms**
  - a. They should remain at home and contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1.
  - b. If they feel sick and /or are showing symptoms while at work, they should be sent home immediately and have them contact 8-1-1 or a doctor for further guidance.
  - c. No Team Member may participate in a practice/activity if they are symptomatic.
5. **If a Team Member tests positive for COVID-19**
  - a. The Team Member will not be permitted to return to the workplace/practice/facility until they are free of the COVID-19 virus.
  - b. Any Team Members who work/play closely with the infected Team Member will also be removed from the workplace/practice/facility for at least 14 days to ensure the infection does not spread further.
  - c. Close off, clean and disinfect their work/practice/facility area immediately and any surfaces that could have potentially be infected/touched. (Does not include sand)



**6. If a Team Member has been tested and is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 Test**

- a. As with the confirmed case, the Team Member must be removed from the practice/facility.
- b. The Public Health Agency of Canada advises that any person who has even mild symptoms to stay home and call the public health authority of B.C.
- c. Other Team Members who may have been exposed will be informed and removed from the practice/activity for at least 14 days or until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health authorities.
- d. The practice/activity space will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched. (Does not include sand)

**7. If a Team Member has come in to contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19**

- a. Team Members must advise their coach if they reasonably believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- b. Once the contact is confirmed, the Team Member will be removed from the practice/activity for at least 14 days or as otherwise directed by public health authorities. Team Members who may have come into close contact with the Team Member will also be removed from the workplace for at least 14 days.
- c. The activity area will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched. (Does not include sand)

**8. Quarantine or Self-Isolate if:**

- a. Any Team Member who has travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.
- b. Any Team Member with any symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.
- c. Any Team Member from a household with someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of the facility and must quarantine and self-isolate.
- d. Any Team Member who is in quarantine or self-isolating as a result of contact with an infected person or in families who are self-isolating, is not permitted to enter any part of the facility.





## Outbreak Plan

(Adapted from viaSport's [Return to Sport Guidelines](#))

Early detection of symptoms will facilitate the immediate implementation of effective control measures. In addition, the early detection and immediate implementation of enhanced cleaning measures are two of the most important factors in limiting the size and length of an outbreak. An "outbreak" is two or more cases; a "case" is a single case of COVID-19.

1. If a case or outbreak is reported, only the Director of VolleyTech Volleyball has the authority to modify, restrict, postpone or cancel activities.
2. If staff (including volunteers) or a participant reports they are suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 and have been at the activity place, implement enhanced cleaning measures to reduce risk of transmission.
  - a) The facility owner will also be notified to ensure enhancing cleaning protocol takes place at public touch points within the vicinity
  - b) Our Illness policy will immediately be implemented, and we will advise individuals to:
    - i. Self-isolate
    - ii. Monitor their symptoms daily, report respiratory illness and not to return to activity for at least 10 days following the onset of fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite.
    - iii. Use the COVID-19 self-assessment tool at BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to help determine if further assessment or testing for COVID-19 is needed.
      1. Individuals can contact 8-1-1 if further health advice is required and 9-1-1 if it is an emergency.
      2. Individuals can learn more about how to manage their illness here: <http://www.bccdc.ca/healthinfo/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/if-you-are-sick>
3. In the event of a suspected case or outbreak of influenza-like-illness, VolleyTech Volleyball Club will immediately report and discuss the suspected outbreak with the Medical Health Officer (or delegate) at your local health authority. Implement our Illness Policy and our enhanced measures.



## Emergency Plan

(Adapted from viaSport's [Return to Sport Guidelines – Emergency Plan](#))

In the event that first aid is required to be administered during an activity, all persons attending to the injured individual must first put on a mask and gloves.

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/information-sheets/ofaa-protocols-covid-19-pandemic?lang=en>

First aid protocols for an unresponsive person during COVID-19: <https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/first-aid-protocols-for-an-unresponsive-person-during-covid>