

NEW PROVINCIAL ORDER FOR ALL OF B.C. from NOVEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 7, 2020

Social gatherings

- All B.C. residents are urged to socialize only with fellow household members and to avoid social gatherings. This includes places of worship. Funerals and weddings may proceed with a maximum attendance of 10 people, including the officiant, but associated receptions are not allowed.
- Taking a walk outside with a friend is still permitted, and so is allowing a grandparent to pick up a child from school or having a contractor fix something in a home.
- People who live alone cannot host gatherings but may socialize with a maximum of two people within their core social bubble.
- Travel outside of local health regions (ie. IHA) is also restricted to essential travel only including no travelling to other provinces.

Masks mandatory indoors

- Restaurants and other businesses that continue to comply with public health protocols for COVID-19 will remain open.
- Masks are now mandatory in all indoor public places, retail spaces and grocery stores, except when eating or drinking. The order applies to common areas in workplaces, including elevators and waiting rooms.
- The order also applies to restaurants, at all times when patrons are not eating or drinking.
- Workplace inspections will increase provincewide to ensure compliance with COVID-19 rules.

New restrictions on sports and fitness classes

- Indoor group fitness classes are suspended specifically, hot yoga classes, high-intensity training and group spin classes as high risk of exposing clients to the virus in confined, poorly ventilated spaces.
- Recreational sports organizations are still allowed to operate however, spectators are now barred from attending events, whether indoors or outdoors. Additionally, travel from one region to another for sports is prohibited.

Schools

- Schools will remain open under existing public health measures.

What does this mean for K.S.C.L.?

MANDATORY MASKS:

With B.C. now implementing mandatory mask requirement, KSCL is implementing, as of November 20, 2020, a new requirement for staff & individuals we support.

- **Day program worksites** – All staff and participants must wear a mask 100% of the time.
- **Residential worksites** – All staff must wear a mask 100% of the time and “encourage” all residents to wear a mask in common areas of the home, if able.

When eating or drinking you would not wear a mask, however, as soon as that is completed the mask must be placed back on.

This change in policy **will take precedent over the Safe Work Procedure and Exposure Control Plan** that are currently in place for the next 2 weeks, **ending DECEMBER 8, 2020.**

If this Provincial Health Order is to carry past this date, we will then modify our Safe Work Procedure & Exposure Control Plan.

SOCIALIZATION/FAMILY VISITS:

Any new planning for socialization and family visits shall be put on hold until December 8, 2020.

However, we are advising staff to carry out current/regularly scheduled plans until we hear from CLBC on their interpretation of the Provincial Orders for those we support.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES:

I have been in contact with our liaison at CLBC to inquire about any other changes KSCL needs to make to comply with these new orders, specifically the day programs. At this time, we are waiting for answers and as soon I know, I will be notifying those worksites.

Thank-you for your continued cooperation in these unprecedented times. Please know we take all these precautions seriously and will be enforcing all requirements. We want to ensure you are safe as well as those we support.

Stay safe and take care,

Kathleen Elias

Executive Director, KSCL.