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Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Update COVID-19 Update #4

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Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely. At this time the current risk level in both Alberta and Canada for the general population is still being considered low. As such, we are supporting the Skate Canada recommendation that clubs and skating schools follow the guidelines outlined by Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Governments in determining whether to proceed with their event or programming.

In order to limit transmission of COVID-19, **all Skate Canada-sanctioned events and activities that involve 250 participants or more are suspended until further notice.**

Before proceeding with events and programming, clubs and skating schools are advised to complete their own risk assessment, as well as contact their local municipality and/or facility operator to determine if there are any guidelines or mitigating factors that may impact the decision on whether to continue with the event or program.

Clubs and Skating schools are to use the [Alberta Recommendation for Mass Gatherings](#) resource which can be located on the Alberta COVID-19 website in determining whether to continue, postpone, or cancel events and any of their regular programming. Additionally there are many facilities across the Province being temporarily closed, or activities restricted on a temporary basis that may impact whether events and programming may continue.

The situation and information surrounding Covid-19 continues to be updated and evolve quickly. As a result we will continue to monitor this situation closely, and to follow Federal and Provincial Health authorities recommendations, and respond accordingly at that time.

Link to AB Government release: <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=6980324A5B1B0-BC2C-40A8-A6AD9E30E3189425>

Link to Skate Canada response: <https://skatecanada.ca/2020/03/updated-skate-canada-response-covid-19/>

Additional information, recommended prevention measures, and risk assessment resources can be found on the links below.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html>

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#toc-9>

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-mass-gatherings.pdf>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html>

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-help-prevent-the-spread-poster>

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