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Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely and continues to have the health and safety of our members and volunteers as our highest concern. As a result the **2020 Sunsational scheduled to take place April 17-19, 2020 in Edmonton has been cancelled**. Event registration fees for Sunsational will be fully refunded within two weeks.

This decision is in response to the escalation of measurements the Province and many municipalities are putting in place, such as the recent announcement of facility closures in Edmonton, and the announcement this evening of Alberta K-12 school and daycare closures. Again, the decision to cancel these events has not been made lightly, and we know and understand the disappointment this announcement brings to the skaters and coaches that have been working hard to prepare for these events.

We will continue to monitor and work with the health authorities over the coming weeks regarding programming and future events and we will continue to update our membership as information becomes available.

As a reminder, it is imperative that strong risk assessment measures are followed by clubs and skating schools in conjunction with your municipalities in regards to any events, programming and activities you have scheduled. There are several resources and tools available on the links below that should be utilized as part of that assessment and risk mitigation strategies.

Link to AB Government School Closure Update: <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

Link to City of Edmonton Facility Closures:

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/emergency_preparedness/covid-19.aspx

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

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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