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Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Update COVID-19 Update #6

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In light of the escalated measures taken by all levels of Government, confirmed cases of COVID-19 in all Alberta health regions, and believed cases of community transmission Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section is strongly advising that **Clubs and Skating Schools should suspend or cancel all further programming, events and activities effective immediately.**

Programming, events and activities include but are not limited to year-end wrap up dinners or events, skater assessments, competitions, carnivals, fun-meets, competitions and regular programming. This is regardless whether these events and activities are under the 250-person mass gathering threshold or not, all activities and programs should discontinue immediately. We all have a part to play to ensure we practice social distancing as recommended by the Province in order to help slow the virus and protect public health.

We understand the disappointment and disruption this has caused to our members, and these decisions are not made lightly. We also know that our current environment can have significant impact on Albertan's mental health and encourage anyone who is needing support to access the resources available through the Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-3030-2642 or any of the Provinces online resources they have available (links below).

The Section will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates to our membership as new information becomes available.

For up to date information please go to the Provincial website www.alberta.ca/covid19
Or the Canada Public Health Authority <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html>

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

[Mental health and coping with COVID-19](#)

[Talking with children about COVID-19](#)

[Help in Tough Times](#)

<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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