

## **BC's Restart Plan – Step 3, effective July 1, 2021**

As we enter Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan, many of the limitations that applied to gatherings for general meetings, use of recreation facilities such as pools, club houses and gyms, and the use of guest facilities have all been relaxed.

### **What about Masks?**

Masks are recommended in indoor public places for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated. The mask mandate order under the Emergency Program Act was lifted July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Can we hold in person meetings?**

- Phase 3 means increased social contact.
- Gatherings within strata corporations are permitted:
  - Indoor organized gatherings may be up to 50% of the normal room capacity or 50 people, whichever is greater.
  - Outdoor organized gatherings of up to 50% of the capacity of the area or 5,000 people whichever is greater.
  - Electronic meetings are permitted until December 31, 2021. This is still an opportunity for your strata corporation to consider an electronic bylaw.
  - Pools, gyms, guest suites and common rooms may be opened within gathering limits posted, a safety plan is recommended to manage users and personal access. Note: A safety plan informs the users of the rules of use of the facility and what measures the strata corporation is implementing for the protection of users, such as sanitization protocols, limits on number of users, and who may access the facility.
  - Contact tracing is recommended in the event of an outbreak within your community.
- If you or anyone in your family feels sick stay home and get tested immediately.

- If you are hosting a meeting, it is recommended attendees are screened to identify if they have any risks of recent contact, travel or symptoms associated with Covid-19.
- Personal gatherings for indoor and outdoor have returned to normal.
- If you have any employees or contractors the protocols and requirements of WorkSafeBC still apply.

### **Managing events**

Due to the air borne nature of Covid-19 transmission, extra care should continue to be taken. Hand sanitization stations, increased ventilation, staying home when not well and masks are recommended. Allow as much space as possible and remind residents and visitors to take precautions at all times.

### **Additional Consideration**

As we move forward, with the growing success of the vaccination program and reduction in transmissions, it is important to consider your neighbours as we start to put the pandemic behind us. Some of us will be taking it slower than others and that's OK. Be respectful and kind as you consider others' situations and personal choices.

For additional information please see the following website links:

- WorkSafeBC's "Step 3 of BC's Restart: Communicable disease prevention" bulletin: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/covid-19/bcs-four-step-restart>
- Government of BC Covid-19 BC Restart Plan Step 3 website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart#step-three>