



Policy : COVID 19

Prevention of the spread of COVID 19 and similar communicable diseases

Objectives

Objectives of the policy on prevention of the spread of COVID 19 and similar communicable diseases are to:

- clarify the minimum standard of behaviour expected of members, coaches and volunteers with respect to protecting colleagues and facility personnel including lifeguards and members of the public against the risk of infection or harm from COVID 19 and other transmissible diseases;
- take all reasonable steps to protect colleagues against the risk of infection or harm from COVID 19 and other transmissible diseases arising from activities associated with their participation in the OMSC program;
- demonstrate due care, mutual respect and concern for the safety and wellbeing of colleagues, whether in the pool, on the pool deck or in the washrooms and common areas of the facility.

In pursuit of the above objectives, in recognition of a changing public health environment and in keeping with the BC Provincial Health Officer's orders and relevant public health guidelines, this policy may be adjusted from time to time at the board's discretion, and will remain in place until further notice.

Requirements

1. Members, coaches and volunteers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and must wear a fully functional face covering when on the pool deck or in the changerooms, washrooms and common areas of the facility and comply with related H2O policies in order to participate in the OMSC program. A properly fitted mask sits closely over the mouth, nose, cheeks and chin of the person wearing it.
2. Any member or coach that experiences symptoms associated with COVID-19 or similar respiratory diseases (fever, cough, difficulty breathing, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell) must abstain from attending the coached program and inform H2O management, their own healthcare provider and the board at communication@okmasters.com as soon as possible.
3. Any member with a valid medical reason for not having received full COVID-19 vaccination and/or who has a valid medical reason for not being able to wear a fully functional face covering, must abstain from attending the coached program and immediately contact the board at communication@okmasters.com for further direction or accommodation. The board will determine at its sole discretion whether such member may attend the coached program, and under what circumstance or terms of accommodation, if any.

Compliance / Non-Compliance

The health and safety of our members is of paramount importance. We expect every member to take their own health and that of colleagues very seriously. Accordingly, any member who fails to comply with the terms of this policy will be subject to immediate disciplinary action in terms of the bylaws and conditions of membership, and may be summarily expelled from membership.