



COVID-19 Return
to Dance
Committee Report Summary

FVS&RDA GM

November 1, 2020

Committee Members

- Dr. J. Blair Wallace (Chair)
- Brent Mawdsley (Region 2 Vancouver & District Caller)
- Don Allan (FVS&RDA Treasurer)
- Eva Matheson (FVS&RDA Social Convener)
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- Kirk Rockerbie (Region 1 Lower Vancouver Island Caller)
- Bill Cave (Region 5)
- Jean Wood (BC Fed President)
- Wendy Krueger (Region 2, BC Fed Secretary)

What have we been doing since the AGM?

- Trying to keep up with changes to the PHO Orders

ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

(Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) *Public Health Act*, S.B.C. 2008)

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

The *Public Health Act* is at:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/08028/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>

(excerpts enclosed)

- TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF BANQUET HALLS**
- TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VACATION ACCOMMODATION**
- TO: OCCUPANTS OF VACATION ACCOMMODATION AND GUESTS**
- TO: OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PRIVATE RESIDENCES AND GUESTS**
- TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PLACES, INCLUDING PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE *FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER***
- TO: PERSONS WHO ORGANIZE EVENTS**
- TO: PERSONS WHO ATTEND EVENTS**
- TO: MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICERS**

DATED THIS: 30th day of October 2020

SIGNED:



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“event” refers to anything which gathers people together whether on a one-time, regular or irregular basis, including a gathering in vacation accommodation, a private residence, banquet hall or other place, a party, worship service, ceremony or celebration of any type, reception, wedding, funeral, celebration of life, musical, theatrical or dance entertainment or performance, live band performance, disc jockey performance, strip dancing, comedic act, art show, magic show, puppet show, fashion show, book signing, reading, recitation, display, movie, film, meeting, conference, lecture, talk, educational presentation (except in a school or post-secondary educational institution), auction, fund raising benefit, contest, competition, quiz, game, rally, festival, presentation, demonstration, athletic, sporting or other physical activity, exhibition, market or fair, including a trade fair, agricultural fair, seasonal fair or episodic indoor event that has as its primary purpose the sale of merchandise or services e.g. Christmas craft markets, home shows, antique fairs and the like and for certainty includes a gathering proceeding or following another event;

C. PLACES NOT SUBJECT TO THE FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER

2. Up to fifty patrons may attend an event in a place if the following conditions are met:

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k. patrons must not engage in Karaoke or dance on the premises;

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8. For certainty, this Order does not apply to health care related events such as immunization clinics, health authority COVID-19 testing centres and blood donation clinics; court sittings wherever they occur; workers at a worksite when engaged in their work activities; workers living at a work camp; students, teachers or instructors at a school or postsecondary educational institution when engaged in educational activities; individuals attending regularly scheduled classes or practices in a recreation centre, pool or fitness facility; customers in a mall or retail establishment when engaged in shopping activities or seeking services; individuals attending an episodic vending market such as a Farmers Market or a Community Market which is subject to the Vending Markets Order; individuals in a campground or any other place when not attending an event; or the use of any place for municipal, provincial or federal election purposes.

The question becomes:

- What is a “recreation centre, pool or fitness facility”
- Or – are the halls we use “recreation centres or fitness facilities”?

What might the difference be:

- A recreation centre / fitness facility is owned by a company or municipality;

Why is this important:

- A recreation centre / fitness facility has employer & employees
- This means that WorkSafeBC has jurisdiction and can enforce WorkSafeBC’s Rules for “Gyms and fitness centres: Protocols for returning to operation”
- WorkSafeBC may not have jurisdiction over a Community Hall that is operated by volunteers, a society, etc.

- I have asked the PHO for clarification

- Questions...