



RFABC Response to COVID-19

These are trying and stressful times for our industry and all of you who are being affected by this crisis. The Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, has prohibited all public gatherings of more than 50 people. This obviously effects your operations and those of RFABC and the recreation industry as a whole.

We have been closely monitoring the ongoing developments of the crisis and with news of the closure of recreation facilities in the province, this has created significant challenges for our members. These are unique circumstances, which we need to support as Public Health Officials guide us in resolving this worldwide pandemic. Our thoughts are with all of you being impacted by the current and potential facility closures. Our commitment is that RFABC will do all that we can to support our members as we work through this crisis.

Developments on COVID-19 are and will continue to evolve quickly as evidenced by recent news:

- There are ongoing preventative measures being taken by municipal governments and private facilities to combat COVID-19 including the closure of all community centres, recreation facilities, libraries, and other public gathering places.
- Resorts across the province are suspending operations and some are closing for the season.
- We are in ongoing contact with our regulatory partners, BC Provincial Health Services Authority, Technical Safety BC and WorkSafe BC and will advise of pertinent issues as they develop.

As we all do our part in reducing the spread of the virus, RFABC's decisions on our conference and courses will be measured and made with the safety and health of British Columbians being of the greatest importance. The impact on our members and their families are at the forefront in these challenging times.

Further updates will be provided as they become available. The following public health links are provided for your reference:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

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