



February 10, 2022

Letter to Membership: 2021-2022-06

Dear Swim Saskatchewan Membership:

On Tuesday February 8, 2022, Premier Moe announced the lifting of the government's COVID-19 restrictions over the next few weeks and there is much anticipation of this.

As of Monday, February 14, a proof of vaccination (POV) or negative test will no longer be required in Saskatchewan to enter businesses, workplaces and other public venues. How this impacts our clubs will depend on the municipality and facility they train/compete in. Indoor public masking remains mandatory until February 28.

Swim Sask continues to stay up to date on the guidance provided by the Government of Sask and Sask Health Authority (SHA) with regards to COVID-19 and continues to uphold our responsibility to provide a safe environment for our members both in training and competition.

During this transition period, Swim Sask has sanctioned three competitions:

- Three Amigos Meets (FS, RMAR, ROD): Feb 18-20
- Junior Provincials (Provincial Meet): March 4-6
- Regina Masters: March 5

Application for a meet to be sanctioned takes much planning and preparation that is based on information/restrictions available at the time of application. As such, the three sanctioned meets will run as published in the meet packages, that can be found [here](#) except for Junior Provincials where the POV/negative test will no longer be required. Decisions regarding future meets is forthcoming.

Not allowing spectators at sanctioned competitions with on deck seating only, relates to prioritizing space for swimmers, officials and coaches to follow Sask Health Authorities recommendation to physical distance. Swim Sask understands the strong desire to watch our swimmers compete, but at this time, as we transition through the coming weeks, we believe this is the responsible choice.

The Three Amigos meet in Regina, will run in the deep tank only during regularly scheduled pool time and Junior Provincials will have 250 swimmers, 30 coaches and officials on deck. Junior Provincials will be live streamed to allow for spectator viewing.



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The SHA continues to advise the public that no single public health measure is perfect at preventing COVID-19. Instead, they need to be used TOGETHER to minimize risk:

- ◆ wash your hands properly and often
- ◆ get fully vaccinated (and get a booster when eligible)
- ◆ regularly use COVID-19 self-tests and self-isolate if you test positive
- ◆ physically distance
- ◆ wear a mask in public
- ◆ avoid touching face with unclean hands
- ◆ stay home if you are ill

Each member club is responsible for assessing the risks in their environment and establishing the appropriate safety procedures to minimize those risks, while following the advice, guidelines, and directions of Swim Sask and instructions of public health and other government authorities, including facilities.

Additionally, it is an individual's responsibility to assess his or her personal risks in consultation with medical professionals and for the outcome of his or her decisions and actions.

View the Swim Sask current COVID-19 guiding documents here for [TRAINING](#) and [COMPETITION](#) on the Swim Sask website.

Any changes made to our requirements and guidelines will be communicated to our members.

We look forward to moving forward safely as we continue to build better lives through swimming,

Sincerely,

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Marj Walton, Executive Director



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