



BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

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To all Bonsor 55+ Groups and Members,

Rohan, Brian and I just came out of a ZOOM Seniors Society and Staff meeting where we were given updates around a number of issues related to reopening and the Provincial Health Order.

Here are the main points that will affect all groups and members as of September 13:

- Proof of vaccination will be required for entry into any recreational or Seniors Centre in Burnaby. As of September 13 you must have had at least one vaccination shot. City of Burnaby staff will be conducting these checks at the entry ways to facilities. Individual groups will not need to do this check. We are still waiting for direction from the provincial government on what this will look like in terms of verification. Please remember to be kind with those who have this difficult task of checking everyone's verification. Your entry time may be delayed as we all work through this process together.
- Masks must be worn in the Seniors Centre. Your mask must be kept on unless engaged in a physical activity. For example: for Tai Chi you must wear your mask around the building but can take it off once the exercise portion of the program begins. For snooker, you can take your mask off when playing, but must wear it if watching or waiting. In the weight room you can take your mask off while working on a machine but must wear it moving between machines.
- Sign in for contact tracing at each activity is not required but each group is responsible for checking that those members who attend have a valid, up to date society membership.
- Each group should still submit a Safety Plan as there are specifics for each group that they may want to implement. For example: Groups are allowed to return at full capacity (room capacity is still to be capped at 75% of allowable numbers), but the group may not feel comfortable having everyone attend at once.
- Each group still needs to have its executive and volunteers trained on the Societies' Health & Safety Plan. This can be done by any of the Board of Directors and is quite simple.

We are expecting things to continue to change and will do our best to keep you up to date with all of the information that we receive.

Ernie Kashima

Bonsor 55+ Society President