



TOWN HALL

Step 3 of Ontario's Roadmap to Re-Open Volleyball Return to Play

JULY 19, 2021

Volleyball for Life

AGENDA

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Step 1

June 11

An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower and permitting limited indoor settings with restrictions.

Step 2

June 30

Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people and with face coverings being worn.

Step 3

July 16

Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn.

Roadmap to Re-Open: Guiding Principles

The province will remain at each step for **at least 21 days** to evaluate any impacts on key public health and health system indicators.

It can take up to two weeks for COVID-19 vaccinations to offer protection against the virus.

Currently, no indication of what comes after Step 3 from the Government.

COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen – Key Highlights

Vaccination rate
plus key health
indicators*

1

60% Adults with one dose

2

70% Adults with one dose
20% Fully vaccinated

3

70-80% Adults with one dose
25% Fully vaccinated

Permitted with
restrictions



**Outdoors first with limited,
well-managed crowding and
permitting restricted retail**

- Larger outdoor gatherings for up to 10 people
- Outdoor dining for up to 4 people per table
- Essential retail capacity at 25%
- Non-essential retail at 15%
- Outdoor religious services, rites and ceremonies with capacity limited to permit 2 metres physical distancing
- Outdoor sports, training, and personal training for up to 10 people
- Day camps
- Campsites and campgrounds
- Ontario Parks
- Outdoor horse racing and motor speedways
- Outdoor pools, splash pads and wading pools

•21 days before next step



**Open indoors with small numbers
and face coverings and expand
outdoors**

- Larger outdoor gatherings for up to 25 people
- Small indoor gatherings for up to 5 people
- Outdoor dining for up to 6 people per table
- Essential retail at 50% capacity
- Non-essential retail capacity at 25%
- Personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times
- Outdoor meeting and event spaces
- Outdoor amusement and water parks
- Outdoor boat tour operators
- Outdoor county fairs and rural exhibitions
- Outdoor sports leagues and events
- Outdoor cinemas, performing arts, live music events and attractions

•21 days before next step



**Expand indoors where face coverings
can't always be worn**

- Larger indoor and outdoor gatherings
- Indoor dining
- Essential and non-essential retail open with limited capacity
- Larger indoor religious services, rites, and ceremony gatherings
- Indoor meeting and event spaces
- Indoor sports and recreational facilities
- Indoor seated events
- Indoor attractions and cultural amenities
- Casino and bingo halls
- Other outdoor activities from Step 2 permitted to operate indoors

- **At least one dose**
- 80.23%
- **Fully vaccinated (2 doses)**
- 63.93%

* **Key health indicators** include declining hospitalization, ICU, cases rate and % positivity

Based on current trends in key health indicators, including the provincial vaccination rate, Ontario expects to enter Step One of the roadmap around June 14, 2021.



Supporting Ontario's Recovery Act, 2020

In November 2020, the Ontario Government announced that the Supporting Ontario's Recovery Act, 2020, received Royal Assent.

- This Act provides liability protection for workers, volunteers and organizations that make an honest effort to follow public health guidelines and laws relating to exposure to COVID-19.
- It also maintains the right of Ontarians to take legal action against those who willfully, or with gross negligence, endanger others.
- If you are not following the laws and the OVA RTP protocols, you are not protected under this Act or by Insurance and are personally liable if someone sues you.
- Please follow Return to Play protocols to protect yourselves from liability
 - Let's keep volleyball going!



Return to Play Protocol

Eager to Play!

PSOs RTP - How Safely?

- Government Regulations
- Public Health Authorities
- Insurance and Legal
- Facilities/Permit Issuers
- Volleyball Canada



Tool – RTP for Volleyball – BOTH indoor and outdoor



Return to Play Protocols: How to Comply?

- ✓ Follow the RTP Protocols, Government regulations, Public Health regulations, facility regulations
- ✓ Risk Mitigation Assessment Checklist – not mandatory – used for planning purposes
- ✓ Create club Return to Play protocols/post online
- ✓ Create & share Safety and Response Plan with facility and participants
- ✓ Post Safety and Response plan online/printed copy on site
- ✓ Obtain facility permit to play
- ✓ Club Acknowledgement Form (via MRS)
- ✓ Individual Waivers for COVID (via MRS)
- ✓ Education Plan
- ✓ Daily Health Screening & Participant Tracking



Return to Play Protocols

Step 3 Regulations: GENERAL INFO

- Indoor & outdoor volleyball permitted
- Physical distancing of 2m required for all individuals.
 - Exception: Athletes may breach physical distancing during team sport play.
- Physical contact is only permitted during active play, including incidental physical contact.
 - No deliberate contact I.e. No high-fives, back slaps, etc.
- All individuals must respect physical distancing while off-court
- No travel restrictions in place
- No limits on length of training or competitions
- Safety plan REQUIRED for each program & location
- No mandatory vaccination for members to participate in Club training/competitions or OVA events/programs, however, it is highly recommended.





Return to Play Protocols

Government Step 3 Regulations: CAPACITY SIZE

- Physical distancing of 2m must be able to be maintained.
- **OUTDOOR** - 75% capacity of the venue/facility.
 - The maximum # of members of the public permitted in facility is determined by taking the total square metres of area accessible to the public, dividing that number by 1.33, and rounding the result down to the nearest whole number.
- Capacity limits must be posted by either the facility/venue or permit holder.
- No specified limit on number of people participating in a sports league.
- Recreational amenities and facilities used for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness activities on the premises of a school or private school may open in Step 3.



Return to Play Protocols

Government Step 3 Regulations: CAPACITY SIZE

- Physical distancing of 2m must be able to be maintained.
- **INDOOR** - 50% capacity of the venue/facility.
 - The maximum # of members of the public permitted in a facility, or part of a facility, is determined by taking 50% of the maximum occupant load of the facility, or part of a facility, as calculated in accordance with Ontario Regulation 213/07 (Fire Code), made under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997.
- Please confirm your capacity limit with your venue/facility.
- Capacity limits must be posted by the facility/venue or permit holder onsite the facility/venue.
- No specified limit on number of people participating in a sports league.
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Return to Play Protocols: Athletes Per Court

OUTDOORS

- Up to 4 active participants per side on the court for training, leagues or competition on 16m x 8m courts (8m x 8m side).
- Up to 6 active participants per side on the court for training, leagues or competition on 18m x 9m courts (9m x 9m side).

INDOORS

- Up to 4 active participants per side on the court for training, leagues or competition on 16m x 8m courts (8m x 8m side).
- Up to 7 active participants per side on the court for training, leagues or competition on 18m x 9m courts (9m x 9m side).



Return to Play Protocols

Step 3 Regulations: SPECTATORS

OUTDOORS

- 75% of the usual outdoor seating capacity at a facility with designated seating area, or 15,000 persons, whichever is less.
- In the case of a facility that does not have a designated area for outdoor spectators, the number of spectators in the outdoor area must not exceed 75% capacity, or 5,000 persons, whichever is less.
- Every outdoor spectator must wear a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin, unless they are entitled to any of the mask exceptions or are seated with members of their own household only, and every member of the household is seated at least 2m from every person outside their household. (**NEW IN ONTARIO REGULATIONS**)



Return to Play Protocols

Step 3 Regulations: SPECTATORS

INDOORS

- Facilities with designated seating area for indoor spectators: 50 per cent of the usual indoor seating capacity, or 1,000 persons, whichever is less.
- Facilities without designated area for spectators: the # of spectators must be limited to the # that can maintain a physical distance of at least 2m from every other person in the indoor area of the facility and may not exceed 50 per cent capacity, or 1,000 persons, whichever is less.
- Every indoor spectator must wear a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin, unless they are entitled to any of the exceptions
(*****NEW IN ONTARIO REGULATIONS*****)



Return to Play Protocols: MASK USAGE

INDOORS: Masks are required to be worn by all individuals/participants at all times. Exception: it is highly recommended for athletes to wear masks during on court activity, but it is not required during active play.

OUTDOORS: Masks are required to be worn by all individuals/participants at all times. Exceptions: Athletes, while on court during training and competition.

Individuals attending the training or event are permitted to remove a mask or face covering temporarily to consume food or drink, or as may be necessary for the purposes of health and safety and if 2M physical distancing is maintained



Return to Play Protocols: MASK EXEMPTIONS



- There are some situations when you do not need to wear a face covering. You do not need medical documentation to support any of the exceptions below.
- You do not need to wear a face covering if you:
 - Are under 2 years of age
 - Have a medical condition that inhibits your ability to wear a face covering
 - Are unable to put on or remove your face covering without help from someone else
 - Are receiving accommodations according to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* or the *Human Rights Code*
- For more information, visit:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/face-coverings-and-face-masks>



Return to Play Protocols:

Step 3 Regulations: MANDATORY SAFETY PLAN

The safety plan shall describe how the requirements of the Government Regulation will be implemented in the location and program, including:

- ✓ screening measures
- ✓ physical distancing
- ✓ masks or face coverings
- ✓ cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and objects
- ✓ the wearing of personal protective equipment
- ✓ preventing gatherings and crowds
 - ✓ along with action plan to control crowds
- ✓ ensuring that requirement for line management are complied with
- ✓ mitigating the risk of any interactive activities/games
 - ✓ utilize OVA return to play protocol



Return to Play Protocols:

Step 3 Regulations: MANDATORY SAFETY PLAN

- Recommended to combine the Club Response Plan with the Safety Plan
- Must be provided to venue prior to permits being issued
- Prior to allowing any participants in an organized sports league or event to practice or play the sport in the facility, the facility must ensure that the league or event has prepared a safety plan
- Must be in writing and made available to any person for review on request. I.e., printed out version on site at program/event delivery
- Must be posted conspicuous place – club or event website
- See Appendix M: Safety Plan template:

<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ova-return-to-play>



Return to Play Protocols/Step 3 Regulations: Daily Health Screening Update

- Appendix F - Ontario questions updated July 16th
- Adults use the Ontario COVID-19 Workplace and Employee screening questions
- Children and youth continue to use the Ontario COVID-19 school and child-care screening tool.
- If clubs or event organizers have established other mechanisms of completing Health Screening for their participants, ensure consistency with the Ontario Ministry questions.
- Updates to screening questions to accommodate fully vaccinated individuals:
 - If a person got their COVID-19 vaccine in the last 48 hours, and is experiencing a mild headache, fatigue, muscle aches, and/or joint pain that only began after vaccination, they can select “No.”
 - Is anyone you live with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms?
 - If you are fully vaccinated (it has been 14 or more days since your final dose of either a two-dose or a one-dose vaccine series), select “No.”



Return to Play Protocols/Step 3 Regulations: Daily Health Screening Update

- **In the last 14 days, have you travelled outside of Canada?** If [exempt from federal quarantine requirements](#) (i.e., you are fully vaccinated and have met the specific conditions, or an essential worker who crosses the Canada-US border regularly for work), select “No.”
 - For information on Travel Exemptions to the emergency order of the Government of Canada’s Quarantine Act, visit: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/exemptions>
- **In the last 14 days, have you been identified as a “close contact” of someone who currently has COVID-19?**
 - If you are fully vaccinated (it has been 14 or more days since your final dose of either a two-dose or a one-dose vaccine series) and have not been told to self-isolate by public health, select “No.”
- **In the last 14 days, have you received a COVID Alert exposure notification on your cell phone?**
 - If you are fully vaccinated (it has been 14 or more days since your final dose of either a two-dose or a one-dose vaccine series), select “No.”
 - If you already went for a test and got a negative result, select “No.”



Return to Play Protocols

Step 3 Regulations: EVENT SET UP

- The person responsible for the facility/the person holding a permit for the facility **must** post a sign in a conspicuous location visible to the public that states the capacity limits under which the facility is permitted to operate.
- If an outdoor area of the business or place is covered by a tent, at least two full sides of the entire outdoor area are open to the outdoors and are not blocked by any walls or other impermeable physical barriers.
- Ensure physical distancing at athlete/participant check in or other areas where people can congregate
- The rented space must be configured so that patrons seated at different tables are separated by,
 - I. a distance of at least 2m, or
 - II. plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier.
- Refer to Appendix K: Event Hosting Guidelines for more tips

Return to Play Protocols Vaccinations

Can Clubs Mandate?

- There is a health and safety risk, engaging in an interactive activity, therefore to keep individuals safe, you can ask.
- Challenges:
 - Personal health information is confidential
 - Collected safely
 - Kept secured
 - Destroyed
 - Administrative burden
 - Individual may refuse to provide health information
 - Individual will demand exceptions
 - Accommodations must be decided
 - Societal – not mandatory
 - May result in bullying



Questions





OVA Town Halls Schedule

Wednesday August 11th: Club Administration for the 2021/22 season

- Topics include:
 - Membership fees
 - Event fees
 - Policy changes
 - Membership Registration System (MRS)
- Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkce6urzwoGNRLofChR7zQr9ZkG-zba_qN

Requests on presentation topics to be sent to alidums@ontariovolleyball.org



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