



TOWN HALL

Step 2 of Ontario's Roadmap to Re-Open Volleyball Return to Play

JULY 5, 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 21?)

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 covid 19 vaccinations to offer protection against the virus.

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

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**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



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**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



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**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

For the full plan, visit ontario.ca/reopen

* **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.



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
- ✓ Obtain facility permit to play
- ✓ Share Protocol/Safety Plan with Facility
- ✓ Club Acknowledgement Form (via MRS)
- ✓ Individual Waivers for COVID (via MRS)
- ✓ Education Plan
- ✓ Response Plan
- ✓ Safety Plan - post
- ✓ Daily Health Screening
- ✓ Participant Tracking
- ✓ Deliver Programming with modifications





Return to Play Protocol: Step 2 Government Regulations

Indoor recreational facilities CANNOT open

Indoor Team Sports – NOT permitted

- Indoor facility with outdoor beach volleyball courts can open the outdoor portion
- Indoor washrooms and first aid can be utilized

Outdoor recreational facilities CAN open

Outdoor Team Sport training, competition and league play permitted with modifications





Return to Play Protocol

Government Step 2 Regulations: Outdoor Activity

- Physical distancing required – 2 metres
- Training, competitions league play permitted with modifications
- During team sports play (actively playing) personal contact must be avoided
 - No high fives, back slaps, hand shakes
- *Please remember, athletes may only breach physical distancing during team sport play.*





Return to Play Protocol

Government Step 2 Regulations: Outdoor Activity

Gathering Size

The total number of members of the public permitted to be at the facility at any one time must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres from every other person at the facility.

- Confirm # of participants your facility will allow.
- **Safety plan must be provided**





Mandatory Safety Plan

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

- ✓ screening measures
 - ✓ physical distancing protocols
 - ✓ masks or face coverings protocols
 - ✓ cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and objects protocols
 - ✓ the wearing of personal protective equipment
 - ✓ preventing and controlling crowding
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- Recommended to combine the Club Response Plan with the Safety Plan
 - Must be provided to venue and to hosts prior to permits being issued.
 - Must be in writing and made available to any person for review on request.
 - 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

Government Step 2 Regulations: Outdoor Activity

- Confirm with your Public Health if they have additional regulations in place.
- No travel limitation within Ontario
- No time limit on play, however recommended competition schedule to mitigate risk of transmission
- Spectators allowed, confirm the total # of spectators with your facility/venue
 - 25% capacity for a facility with area designated for spectator seating
 - No designated seating, 25% capacity determined
 - Total square metres of the area, divided by 16 and rounding the result down to the nearest whole number



Return to Play Protocol: Programming

- **Masks** are required to be worn by all individuals/participants at all times,
 - except by athletes, while on court during active training or competing.
- Off-court all individuals must respect physical distancing
- Ensure ample space between courts
- 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).
- No mandatory vaccination for members to participate in OVA events, however, it is highly recommended.





Day Camp Regulations

All day camps must follow provincial, local public health and facility guidelines and the Ontario COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Day Camps produced by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer found here:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_summer_day_camps_guidance.pdf

- Day camps must run for minimum of 1 week of consecutive days
- Should maintain consistent cohorts for the duration of each camp session

In addition to the guidance provided in this document, day camp programs and OECs must also comply with applicable setting/activity-specific requirements (e.g. sports) as well as general restrictions or requirements in accordance with the regulations made under the *ROA*.

No indoor volleyball permitted in Step 2 regulations = indoor volleyball camps not covered by OVA insurance (no participant coverage/no Directors and Officers Liability protection for Club Executives)



Roadmap to Re-Opening Ontario Looking Forward

Gatherings

Step 1

Maximum 10 people for outdoor gatherings

Outdoor end-of-school-year celebration ceremonies held by a school or private school are exempt from outdoor gathering limits, with restrictions

Retirement homes are exempt from gathering limits

Step 2

Maximum 25 people for outdoor gatherings

Maximum 5 people for indoor gatherings

Step 3

Larger indoor and outdoor gatherings with size limits

Anticipating Ontario Government Step 3 regulations to be released the week of July 19th, with Step 3 commencing July 21st

Sports and recreational fitness facilities

Step 1

Outdoor fitness classes, outdoor sports training (no games or practices) and outdoor personal training, with 10 patrons maximum

Closed for indoor use except for high-performance athletes and day camps

Step 2

Outdoor sports leagues open

Training for professional or amateur athletes and/or competitions

Closed for indoor use except for high-performance athletes and day camps

Step 3

Indoor open, with restrictions

Outdoor open, with restrictions

Completed Step 3 RTP Protocols posted within the week



OVA Town Halls Schedule

Monday July 12th – 7:30pm

- Indoor What's New 2021-22
- Coach Eligibility

Further to be scheduled

- July 26th?
 - Step 3* Return to Play
- August
 - Club prep for the indoor season/how to navigate year 2 of the pandemic

**Date TBD based on date Ontario government releases e-law regulations*



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