

Cumberland Recreation COVID-19 Restart Plan (Summer 2021)

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This is a living document that may be reviewed and updated as information changes.

What Happened to the Cumberland Recreation COVID-19 Safety Plan?

When British Columbia moved into Step 3 of its provincial Restart Plan, the requirement for organizations to maintain a COVID-19 Safety Plan was lifted. We have thus shifted our focus to communicable disease prevention more generally.

The Cumberland Recreation Restart Plan

This document outlines some of the elements of our operations that we have cancelled or changed over the past year in order to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and describes our timeline for bringing them back to pre-pandemic service levels. This list is not exhaustive, but rather we have tried to capture the elements that have the most impact on the public. If you have any questions, please email recreation@cumberland.ca or call 250.336.2231.

Fitness Studio

Based on feedback from fitness studio patrons, we've undertaken a pilot project that combines the flexibility of the pre-COVID drop-in model with the benefits of our COVID pre-registered time slots model.

As of **July 15**, we have switched to this hybrid registration model. Patrons wishing to use the fitness studio early in the morning or late in the evening (times that typically see the highest demand) will have to pre-register for their session as they did during COVID. Bookable time slots are weekdays 7-8am, 8-9am, 9-10am, 7-8pm & 8-9pm; these time slots will be limited to 6 patrons at a time. All other times, including 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on weekdays and all day on weekends (beginning September 11th), are strictly drop-in only, with no special capacity limit and no limit on duration of workouts.

We will continually evaluate this hybrid model, and we expect the pilot project to continue through the fall.

Please also note that, effective **July 15**, Cumberland Recreation staff is no longer performing additional disinfecting between fitness studio timeslots. Patrons are still expected to wipe down equipment after each use.

Squash Courts

We were able to take advantage of the forced closure of the squash courts during COVID-19 to complete improvements to Squash Court A, and effective **July 15**, both squash courts at the Cumberland Recreation Centre are once again open. They can be reserved by calling 250.336.2231 or emailing recreation@cumberland.ca.

Showers & Changerooms

The showers and changerooms at the Cumberland Recreation Centre will re-open **August 3**.

Restrooms

The main restrooms outside the fitness studio at the Cumberland Recreation Centre are once again open to the public as of **July 12**. The restrooms in the changerooms are expected to re-open **August 3**. The women's restroom at the far end of the gymnasium is expected to re-open **September 7** (until then there is one "all-gender" restrooms available in the gymnasium).

The accessible restrooms at the Cumberland Cultural Centre have remained open throughout the pandemic and all additional restrooms are expected to re-open **September 7**.

Note that additional restrooms in the Recreation Centre and Cultural Centre may re-open temporarily for special events based on expected attendance.

Water Fountains

The water fountain in the gymnasium is once again operational as of **July 12**. The water fountain in the fitness studio remains out of service pending re-installation and/or upgrade.

Shared Equipment

As of **July 12**, all restrictions on shared equipment are lifted. Specifically, that means there is no longer a requirement to purchase or bring your own pickleball, table tennis ball or badminton birdie, and other equipment can be used as it was pre-pandemic.

Please note that patrons of the fitness studio are still expected to wipe down equipment after each use.

Face Masks

Effective **July 1**, face masks are no longer required within Cumberland Recreation facilities. They are recommended while indoors, however, for anyone aged 12 or older who is not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Return to Programming

Adult Basketball has returned on Monday evenings beginning **July 12**. We anticipate bringing back a full line-up of your favourite Cumberland Recreation programs, as well as some new ones, starting in September. Please watch for the Fall Recreation Guide in the **August 11** issue Comox Valley Record. Fall registration opens on Monday, **August 16** at 7am.

PHO Orders

Currently, the only COVID-19-related order of the Provincial Health Officer that affects Cumberland Recreation operations is the Gathering & Events Order of July 7, 2021. This order places restrictions on attendance of events and gatherings and so it affects occupancy levels of our facilities when booked for private events.

For details, please refer to the [PHO Order on Gatherings & Events](#).