

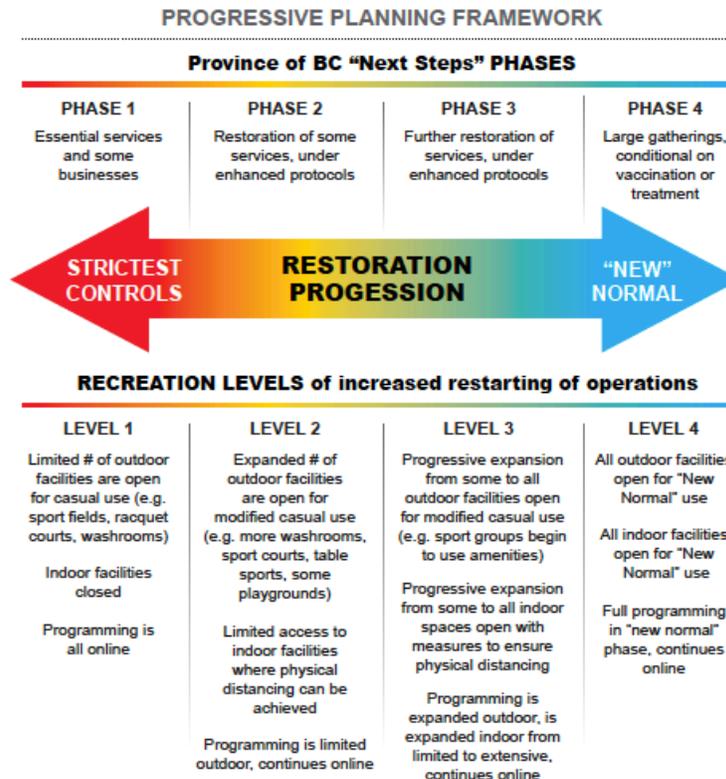
June 30, 2020

Charlene Krepiakevich
 CEO, viaSport
 Vancouver, BC

Dear Charlene,

The BCRPA and viaSport collaboration during the COVID-19 crisis has strengthened the response of both our organizations, for which I am grateful. Our parallel and collaborative development of the recreation and sport sector Guidelines has enabled our collective leaders to have confidence in our organizational approach to the return of activity and play.

As we enter Phase 3 of the BC Restart plan, which is Level 3 of BCRPA’s progressive framework, PSOs will see the progressive re-opening of recreation amenities and the return to organized play on and in our facilities outdoors and indoors.



Over the past two weeks, municipalities have begun to enter agreements with sport groups for the use of municipal facilities. These agreements are limited to those groups that have provided a COVID-19 Safety Plan. We have directed all sport groups to the viaSport Return to Play resources for the development of those plans.

With 500 public recreation indoor and outdoor facilities province-wide, all funded and managed by over 120 local governments, there is a wide variation in timing and scope of re-openings. As with the closure of recreation facilities, each municipality independently determines the re-openings.

Reopening planning is based primarily on fiscal and human resource capabilities. COVID-19 safety protocols have created operational complexities including the provision of COVID-19 engineering and administrative controls, staff training, and recalling of laid-off staff. Added to these reopening pressures is the loss of revenue over the past four months. All combined, the reopening factors create timelines that differ among all local governments.

We request patience of sport groups seeking access to facilities, and advise sport groups to develop detailed safety plans to expedite their agreements with municipalities.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca".

Rebecca B Tunnacliffe
CEO