



December 1, 2020

RE: Outdoor Rink Clarification - BizConnect

Good morning,

I have received lots of questions about outdoor rinks. Here is the consistent answer given to us by BizConnect. *Thank you for writing to Biz Connect about outdoor rinks. We appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.*

*During every stage of Alberta's relaunch strategy, the safety of Albertans remains our top priority. For information about the relaunch strategy, including the health measures we are monitoring throughout relaunch, please visit: <http://www.alberta.ca/alberta-relaunch-strategy.aspx>.*

*Please note that the Government of Alberta has recently imposed additional public health measures to protect the health system and limit the spread of COVID-19. For information on these measures, visit the enhanced public health measures web page here: <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>.*

***Outdoor sport, recreation and physical activity is permitted, as long as they are physically distanced, follow guidance and abide by the outdoor gathering limit.***

***Skating at an outdoor rink is permitted. Physical distancing must be maintained at all times. Anyone playing hockey at an outdoor rink should observe physical distancing and abide by all public health measures.***

***There could be more than 10 people at a rink if it is not a social gathering, for example, several unrelated strangers who have come to skate and not socialize and are able to stay 2 metres apart from those not in their household.***

***Effective November 27, community centres are closed for in-person services. If recreating outdoors, we encourage Albertans to dress warmly and be prepared for a possibility that there may be no supporting services available.***

*Those businesses that are allowed to continue to operate in some form must comply, to the extent possible, with any applicable Alberta Health guidance found at <https://www.alberta.ca/guidance-documents.aspx>. Operators are also required to:*

1. *Implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees*

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2. *Provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms or illness*
3. *Ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene*

*Alberta Health continues to update COVID-19 information on the <http://alberta.ca/COVID> webpage. You are encouraged to visit this page regularly for the most up-to-date information.*

*Thank you again for writing.*

*Sincerely,*

*Biz Connect Team*

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