



# Situational Awareness - COVID-19

Updated: March 19, 2020

New Information:

## **Risk Assessment:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html>

## **World overview:**

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

## **Federal overview:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

## **UNDER STATES OF EMERGENCY**

### **BC:**

- Count: 186 Confirmed
- **Mass Gathering prohibition order - less than 50 people**  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-pho-class-order-mass-gatherings.pdf>
- **Declaration of Public Health Emergency**  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0089-000505>

### **AB:**

- Count: 97 confirmed
- Mass gatherings are now limited to **no more than 50 attendees**. Until further notice, all Albertans are restricted from attending bars and nightclubs. <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69831287F86B2-0CDB-543B-1137EAA2AD56F3D4>



- **Order-In-Council Declaring a Public Health Emergency**  
[http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Orders/Orders\\_in\\_Council/2020/2020\\_080.pdf](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Orders/Orders_in_Council/2020/2020_080.pdf)

#### ON:

- Count: 183 confirmed
- **All organized public events of over 50 people are prohibited**, including parades, events and communal services within places of worship. These orders will remain in place until March 31, 2020, when the province will reassess for an extension or end the closures.
- **Order-in-Council prohibiting mass gathering of over 50 people**  
<https://www.ontario.ca/orders-in-council/oc-5202020>
- **Order-in-Council ordering closure of concert venues**  
<https://www.ontario.ca/orders-in-council/oc-5192020>

#### QC:

- Count: 74 Confirmed
- Mass gathering must be **less than 250 people**
- **Order in Council declaring a health emergency throughout Québec territory**  
<https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/sante-services-social/publications-adm/lois-reglements/decret-177-2020.pdf?1584224223>

#### PEI:

- Count: 1 Confirmed
- **\*\* NO SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON MASS GATHERING \*\***
- **Order-In-Council Declaring a Public Health Emergency**  
[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/20200316truwww\\_2.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/20200316truwww_2.pdf)

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER ISSUED**

#### SK:

- Count: 2 Confirmed
- Public Health Order - **must be less than 250 people. Must be less than 50 if the attendees have travelled internationally within the past 14 days.**



[https://www.saskatchewan.ca/-/media/files/coronavirus/covid-main/order-to-prohibit-all-gatherings-of-greater-than-250\\_mar16.pdf](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/-/media/files/coronavirus/covid-main/order-to-prohibit-all-gatherings-of-greater-than-250_mar16.pdf)

## **OFFICIAL ADVICE TO CANCEL OR POSTPONE MASS GATHERING EVENTS**

### **MB:**

- Count: 15 Confirmed and Presumptively confirmed
- Gathering is **recommended** to have **less than 50 people**  
<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47038>

### **NS:**

- Count: 15 Confirmed and Presumptively confirmed
- Mass Gathering recommendation **should be less than 150** people  
<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/#alerts>

### **NB:**

- Count: 8 Confirmed and Presumptively confirmed
- Mass Gathering recommendation **should be less than 150** people  
[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory\\_diseases/coronavirus/community\\_preparedness.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus/community_preparedness.html)

### **NL:**

- Count: 4 Presumptively confirmed
- "non-essential gatherings or events of **250 people or more** should be cancelled or postponed"  
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0313n02/>

### **YK: Mass gatherings of more than 50 people are banned.**

<https://yukon.ca/en/news/chief-medical-officer-health-recommends-broad-new-measures-yukon>

### **NWT: All Mass Gatherings 50 People or Over Should Be Cancelled**

<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/all-mass-gatherings-50-people-or-over-should-be-cancelled>

**NU: NO RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME.**



## **AB**

Alberta is asking organizers to cancel any events that have more than 250 attendees. This includes large sporting events, conferences and community events.

Any event that has more than 50 attendees and expects to have international participants, or involves critical infrastructure staff, seniors, or other high-risk populations should also be cancelled.

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=6980324A5B1B0-BC2C-40A8-A6AD9E30E3189425#toc-0>

## **BC**

"As of today we are directing all event organizers to cancel any gathering larger than 250 ppl."

<https://twitter.com/adriandix/status/1238238322717118464>

## **Quebec** *[Translation]*

that organizations must cancel all indoor gatherings of more than 250 people or that are not needed for the next 30 days.

<http://www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?lang=en&idArticle=2803129140>

## PreAmble

As race and event organizers, we are in this together. We are all receiving many information touch points, data inputs, media stories that may present you the organizer with much uncertainty.

We thought it would be beneficial to share in a focused communique on the current Canadian landscape and will endeavour to update as this situation evolves.

Unless imposed by the various levels of government to cancel events, each organization will weigh the pros, cons, and the consequences of the decision to proceed with, delay or cancel their event.



Posted to Odyssey Facebook Page from our National Medical Director, Adam Lund, MD

*There is a great deal of uncertainty as we all struggle to understand the impact of the COVID-19 on our lives, our jobs, our family, our health, and the places we go in our lives. This includes schools, public transportation, malls, and yes... events and mass gatherings.*

*Our leadership team, and many of our front-line volunteers and staff are working in this environment daily, and we are following the evolving recommendations as they come out, many times throughout the day.*

*We don't yet know how this will impact a few or more of the events that we service as a community. The consequences of cancelling everything and literally putting the world on 'pause' are of course, far-reaching. And yet, we will follow the best advice of our local, provincial, national and international expert groups to limit the slope of the infection curve and keep the most people safe.*

*We will keep our team members informed of any operational changes in events, deployments, protocols, etc. through our Odyssey Community Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/odysseycrowpage/>), e-mail and other channels.*

*There is no 'new' advice to be offered here. We know the standard hygiene tips... let's be role models and follow them. If you are a little sick, stay home. If you are a bit more sick, follow your local region's recommendations for screening and self-quarantine. Those who are very ill should access emergency services.*

*For those of us working in Health Care, whether in the field, in a clinic or in the hospital, use your PPE and stay safe.*

## Credible Web Resources<sup>1</sup>:

### **Ontario:**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

### **Canada:**

Risk-informed decision-making for mass gatherings during COVID-19 global outbreak

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assessment.html>

### **World Health Organization:**

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-they-happen>

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<sup>1</sup> Focused on EVENT specific information and resources.



<https://www.who.int/publications-detail/key-planning-recommendations-for-mass-gatherings-in-the-context-of-the-current-covid-19-outbreak>

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeeee1b9125cd>

### Centre For Disease Control (CDC)

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fmass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fmass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html)

### Canadian Events that have cancelled, delayed or postponed:

Halifax      Women's Hockey  
Toronto      Collision  
Yukon        Arctic Games

Ontario:      Laurentian University  
Vancouver:   Ted Talks  
Vancouver:   <http://bmovanmarathon.ca/covid>

### North American Events that have cancelled, delayed or postponed:

[C-19 Event Cancellation Tracker](#)

### Notable Responses:

Event: Vancouver Sun Run  
Date: April 19, 2020  
Web: <https://vancouver.sunrun.com/statement/>

Event: Cavendish Music Festival  
Date: July 10-12, 2020  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-festivals-conventions-coronavirus-1.5491076>



## Strategic Response:

- Engage with both internal and external stakeholders to understand their position
- Preparing advance messaging regarding delay, postponement, and/or cancellation policy
- Messaging regarding social distancing, self isolation and not attending events if symptomatic
- Reach out to suppliers to discuss contingency planning
- Connect with your insurance company to see what if any coverage is available - cancellation, business interruptions. Not many options, but worth engaging.

## Operational Considerations:

- Understanding the impact on Human Resources (volunteer attrition, staff illness etc)
- Preparing for additional Personal Protection Supplies (gloves, sanitizers)
- Messaging to volunteer to reassure measures are being taken to protect them.
- Additional signage regarding proper hand washing before contact etc
- Adjusting food and rehydration plans



## Race Messaging:

**Sent from Achilles 10K**

**Subject:** Race Kits Pick-Up & Final Details

### Coronavirus Precautions

Those planning to attend should engage in social distancing – a term used to stop or slow the spread of a contagious disease – and **keep a distance of at least 6 feet between you and another person who is not your family member or friend**. Please do not share food or water bottles, avoid shaking hands, and frequently wash hands or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, particularly before eating, after using the restroom and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

**Water Stations** - To be environmentally friendly and because of the Coronavirus we want to encourage you all to bring your own water for the races. We will have coolers at both the Finish Line and Turn-Around Point of the 10K Race as well as some bottle water

Please print this page to refer back to.

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### SPORT MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE:

At this point there are over 121,000 cases worldwide, 4,373 deaths and over 65,000 recovered.

Some European countries and the US have had increased new cases in the last week. The US presently does not have any restrictions. There is a link below to the latest numbers and locations in the US of cases. Many competition and training opportunities are to be evaluated on a case by case basis and in consultation with the CMO's listed below.

[LiveScience: Coronavirus in USA](#)

Cancellation of events are multi factorial and not necessarily related to COVID-19 medical precautions. The WHO will be publishing recommendations for mass events shortly and we will update as this is released.

WHO, IOC and IPC are all emphasizing that the games are still on schedule and they are working with IFs on any affected qualification routes and impacted test events. In Canada the numbers remain small at 93 cases and one death. The risk level remains low and no specific measures for travel, participation in sporting events or training are in place. While a COVID-19 outbreak is not unexpected in Canada, our public health system





is prepared to respond. PHAC, along with provincial, territorial and community partners, continues to reassess the public health risk, based on the best available evidence as the situation evolves.

[Air Canada Update](#)

[WHO COVID-19 Update#15 10.03.2020](#)

[WHO Coronavirus Myth Busters](#)

AN UPDATE WILL BE PROVIDED EVERY 48 HOURS AT 4:00 PM EST.

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Dear members,

It's likely you've recently had a conversation or heard news about the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation here in Canada and across the world.

We wanted to check-in and provide an update about what this means for MEC members.

The health of members and staff is a top priority, and we've taken precautionary steps to lessen the currently low Canadian public health risk associated with COVID-19.

Steps include:

- Enhancing our cleaning processes at all MEC locations.
- Limiting business travel.
- Promoting everyday preventive behaviors with our teams across the country.
- Pausing our rental program and the use of our in-store climbing and bouldering walls.
- Adhering to risk-informed decision-making regarding MEC events, as advised by the [Government of Canada](#). This means that some MEC events happening either outdoors or inside our stores, may be postponed or cancelled. We'll do our best to let you know of any changes.

We will continue to keep you up to date with any related changes at MEC that may affect you. We encourage members to learn more using the information available through Government of Canada Public Health Services. Visit the [Government of Canada Public Health Services](#).

We are a diverse co-op and have loved ones all over the world, including places that are more widely affected than Canada. We commit to moving forward with thoughtful consideration given towards our communities, members and staff.

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Spartan Update: This weekend's event in California is postponed.

See information from Spartan.

Spartans,

As we actively monitor the developments of COVID-19 and comply with local governments, we regret to inform you that after consulting with the County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department, they have determined that it is necessary to postpone this weekend's events scheduled to take place at Santa Margarita Ranch. We will inform you of the new date by Friday.

We are automatically moving all racers to the new date, once confirmed; no further action will be required. If you are unable to attend the new date, you will have 60 days (until May 13th, 2020) to defer your event free of charge. You will be able to defer to any other distance event in the US in 2020 or 2021 that is open for registration. Should you need to defer your event, we will provide information in the next email communication.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Customer Service Spartans via Live Chat (look for the red help button at the bottom of any [Spartan.com](https://www.spartan.com) page!), or directly via email at: [us@spartan.com](mailto:us@spartan.com).

For Spartan's most up to date information on COVID-19, please see our FAQ [here](#).

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Pertaining to other US events:

Spartan continues to closely monitor developments pertaining to COVID-19 and operate in accordance with local government policies and/or requests. At this time, all other US events will proceed as scheduled unless otherwise noted.