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RDCK recreation facilities working their way back to normal

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) welcomes the lifting of capacity restrictions and physical distancing requirements announced yesterday by the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), which will allow RDCK recreation facilities to begin to open up services to more people.

“The lifting of restrictions is a positive sign for our recreation centres and our staff, because it means we can start working our way back to normal,” said Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services at the RDCK. “We look forward to opening up fitness, aquatics and other recreational opportunities to more people in the coming days, in line with what our current staffing levels will allow us to do safely.”

While capacity limits have been lifted, RDCK recreation facilities will be reviewing how many people they can safely accommodate, and whether advance reservations for general admission fitness, aquatics and skating will still be required. This will look different at each recreation facility. Guests are encouraged to visit the website at www.rdck.ca/recreation to find out more about changes to each facility’s operating hours and admission process.

Proof of vaccination with an official scannable QR code for those 12 and older, along with government-issued proof of identity for those 19 and older, is still required for recreation programs and services. Masks are also still required in all public indoor spaces at RDCK recreation facilities. Masks are not required while exercising, but are encouraged.

Time-based memberships (RDCK Active Passes) that were previously on hold will be removed from hold and available for regular use as of Thursday, February 17. Exceptions may be in place for facilities that have reduced general admissions due to staffing levels. Creston and District Community Complex (CDCC) has closed its aquatics centre as of February 16 until further notice due to staffing shortages, and pass-holders can contact the CDCC directly to request a hold.

Capacity limits for spectators at sporting events have also been lifted. Attendees of events at RDCK facilities must follow proof of vaccination and masking requirements, and should follow signage and staff direction for checking in to events.

If you are sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home.

To view all current provincial or regional restrictions, visit the COVID-19 information page on the BC government website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>.

More changes to restrictions are expected through March and April. Changes that affect recreation services will be shared at www.rdck.ca/recreation and on RDCK Facebook pages.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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