

## Attention BC Federation Members

A Plan to A Plan to Get Back to Dancing Safely in BC Under COVID-19  
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### Preamble:

Previous versions of this Plan to a Plan document assumed that there would be easing of the restrictions as time passed under Phase 3 of BC Restart Plan.

What we did not expect is a tightening of restrictions that are contained in a new Order of the Provincial Health Officer.

This new Order was prompted by the spread of the virus that resulted following gatherings in Kelowna and Vancouver.

The new restrictions were released by the Public Health Officer (“PHO”) in an Order dated July 27, 2020, amended to August 7, 2020. The new order applies to all “Events”. An Event is separated from a “Destination” such as a grocery store, beach, etc. The difference between an “Event” and a “Destination” is the control of access, egress and the activities of the patrons.

### According to the Order, an Event is defined as:

“event” refers to anything which gathers people together whether on a one-time, regular or irregular basis, including a party, worship service, and ceremony or celebration of any type, reception, wedding, funeral, celebration of life, musical, theatrical or dance entertainment or performance, live band performance, disc jockey performance, strip dancing, comedic act, art show, magic show, puppet show, fashion show, book signing, reading, recitation, display, movie, film; meeting, conference, lecture, talk, educational presentation (except in a school or post-secondary educational institution); auction, fund raising benefit, contest, quiz, game, rally, festival, presentation, demonstration, or sporting or other physical activity, exhibition and fair

Under this definition, our activity would be an “Event” as it is clearly a “physical activity”.

Other

parts of the definition may also apply.

Under the new Order, the following restrictions apply (inter alia):

4. An owner or operator of a place may permit up to fifty patrons to attend an event in a place if the following conditions are met:

- a. there is an organizer of the event
- b. if the organizer is not the owner or operator of the place the organizer must provide the owner or operator with the first and last names and telephone number, or email address, of the patrons who attend the event
- c. access to the event is controlled