

COVID SAFETY PLAN, RCA 2021 NRC's

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Site Considerations

Procedure/Intervention

The regatta site is delineated as the footprint of the Victoria Rowing Society. Access to the regatta site will be controlled via the check in desk at the entrance to the regatta site (east side of building) with crowd control and signs. Event bracelets will be used to identify athletes and non-athletes who have been checked and cleared and thus are permitted on the site. Where possible, 'one-way' traffic patterns on land will be initiated. Traffic pattern (foot traffic on land) maps will be posted around the venue and on the event website.

Hygiene/Sanitation

Procedure/Intervention

Hand sanitizer stations available at

- control commission
- water filling stations
- finish area
- outside boat bays

Coach boats assigned to specific volunteers/umpires

Masks use is highly recommended when not in a rowing shell.

Regular sanitization/cleaning of portable toilets to be done

Volunteer lunches to be individually packaged, distributed by individual(s) with gloves, and mask

No items will be left on docks. Oars will be carried down/away with shells, and shoes will be taken in boat or away with coach.

Items provided to volunteers by the regatta such as walkie-talkies will not be shared

Volunteers checking shoes at Control Commission must wear gloves and a mask

Screening

Procedure/Intervention

Note: Everyone joining us on site at the NRCs is required to be fully vaccinated. Those who are not fully vaccinated will be required to provide proof of regular Health Canada approved negative COVID tests to be completed at their own expense. Daily 'Self-Assessments' are required to be completed before arriving at the venue (each day). The link to the B.C. Health 'Self-assessment tool' can be found at: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>. Note: People from provinces or territories other than B.C. must show an official provincially/territorially recognized vaccine record and valid government-issued photo ID. More B.C. vaccine requirement information can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/home>

Contact tracing is handled for participants through the registration and volunteer check in desk at the entrance to the regatta site. Spectators outside the controlled regatta site are not under the purview of this plan. Spectators **within** the controlled site will go through the same check-in process as anyone else through the check in desk. First /last name & contact details will be collected for contact tracing for 30 days as per BC Health guidelines.

Concession

Procedure/Intervention

People in concession are required to follow masking protocols and contactless payment will be preferred.

All volunteers inside the concession must have masks and appropriate PPE as directed by Provincial and Regional health orders and be fully vaccinated.

Distancing

Procedure/Intervention

Increased launch window to minimize traffic on docks

Traffic flow patterns exist. There are arrows on the ground marking pathways for entering and exiting the tarmac in front of the boathouse. There will also be tents set up that will confine each team to their area. Non Participants will be kept clear of any routes that boats will take.

Dock Marshalls to control dock access to prevent crowding

Each trailer site to be distanced from others

Increased portable washroom stations, spread out on site to avoid crowding

There will be no item storage for athletes, volunteers, umpires, etc. People need to bring what they need with them at all times and keep things in their team spaces

Athletes, coaches etc. recommended to remain at their team's tent site between races, except to use the washroom & get drinking water.

When more than one person in a coach boat or safety boat, it is recommended that masks be worn at all times

Umpires and volunteers must wear masks while indoors in the Finish Tower

Medals are to be taken by the athlete from the medal tray, and both the athletes and medal presenter must wear a mask.

Safety of the Umpires has been increased through the issuance of individual equipment and stored in their own waterproof bags

Personal Protective Equipment

Procedure/Intervention

Masks, gloves to be available for volunteers upon request from the following locations: Regatta Site office; Registration Desk; Finish Tower & Control Commission

All indoor spaces are closed off to athletes and coaches, only authorized personal will be permitted indoors and will be required to always wear a mask, including in finish tower

Communication

Procedure/Intervention

Radios for quick, communication between regatta leaders will be provided

Communication about this plan will involve circulation with the regatta package and circulated to each team through email. This plan will also be posted at the volunteer check in station (which is the control point for access to the regatta site)

Emergency Management

Procedure/Intervention

If an individual reports COVID symptoms, they will be directed to the COVID isolation area beside the Regatta Office and our COVID Safety Officer &/or first aid attendant will be notified. PPE will be provided to an individual designated to care for that person. PPE will be located in the Regatta Site Office.

Ziploc bags for the hygienic disposal of soiled PPE and other items are also located in the same location. The person should leave the site as soon practical after isolation.

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