



## BCWSA OUTBREAK RESPONSE PROTOCOL

The purpose of the Outbreak Response Protocol is to aid in the contact tracing of those individuals who may have come into contact directly or indirectly with an infected individual and help prevent the community spread of COVID-19. The early detection and immediate implementation of enhanced cleaning measures are two of the most important factors in limiting the size and length of an outbreak. BC Wheelchair Sports is fully committed to the health and safety of its members and will be implementing the following action plan to limit exposure.

1. Every BCWSA sanctioned program, event and ongoing administration must follow the Return to Sport/Work guidelines approved by the BCWSA Board of Directors.
  - a. In the case of an outbreak, the attendance lists for every training session, program or event will be essential to following the Outbreak Protocol and ensure that contact tracing can take place.
2. Each sport must designate an Emergency Covid-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator, as well as a back-up individual for this position (this person can be common to all three BCWSA sports and serve as the Coordinator for the BCWSA offices)
3. All Individuals must follow the BCWSA Illness Policy
4. If an outbreak at a BCWSA program, event or office is confirmed, in addition to the Illness Policy, the following Outbreak Protocol must be adhered to:
  - a. The Outbreak Response Coordinator (ORC) will ensure that the Public Health Authority has been notified of the outbreak as soon as possible
    - i. The list of Public Health Authority contacts will be provided to the ORC for each community related to program/event/office before the resumption of Return to Sport/Work activities.
  - b. The ORC will obtain the attendance list and contact information of all attendees and provide this to the Public Health Authority to facilitate contract tracing
  - c. The ORC will notify the program/event/office attendees that an outbreak has occurred so that they may follow the BCWSA Illness Policy. They will not provide information as to who has become ill.
  - d. The ORC will notify the facility contact to ensure appropriate disinfection is completed. In the case of the BCWSA Offices, partner organizations will be notified of the outbreak.
  - e. The Program/Event/Office activity will be suspended until such time as the ORC and Executive Director, together with the Public Health Authority can determine if the program/event/office will be shut down for a period of time (ie. minimum of 14 days) due to the outbreak and any further steps that may be necessary.
  - f. The BCWSA Communication Staff person will be notified to manage any necessary communication response to the outbreak.

- g. The program/event/office activities will resume under the guidance of, and with the permission of the Public Health Authority and the BCWSA Executive Director.
- h. Individuals may only return to programs/events/office if they have followed the BCWSAS Illness Policy and in the case of a positive test, have been cleared by their physician to return. Documentation will be required indicating the individual is cleared to return and/or has a negative test result.
- i. In the case of athletes, when appropriate and with permission, the Chief Medical Officer, or lead medical personnel for the sport will be notified to support ongoing care of the individual as they resume training. In the case of Next Gen and National Team Athletes, the appropriate NSO will be notified.