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As Nova Scotia continues to re-open, the Province has announced recent changes to the Public Health Order: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/health-protection-act-order-by-the-medical-officer-of-health.pdf> specifically, the requirement that non-medical face masks be worn in enclosed public places.

“Effective 12:01am July 31, all persons must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while present in a public place.” A Frequently asked Questions document provided by the Province of Nova Scotia is attached to this email for your reference.

What does this mean for our members?

A mask must be worn at all times in an indoor facility (i.e. arrival/departure to the pool deck) as per Provincial regulations. Swim Nova Scotia members may remove their masks for the duration of the training session (while in the field of play). Physical distancing must remain in place.

Over half of our Summer and Year-Round Clubs are back to training! We are excited to start the 2020-2021 Swim-Season in early September with all Clubs back to training. Clubs may continue to submit application forms to resume training. For Clubs already training, modifications to approved plans or requests for advancing to Phase 2 must be submitted to Swim NS for acceptance.

Effective immediately, pool training numbers have been increased to a maximum group size of 50 (currently 35). This will be reflected in the next update of the Swim Nova Scotia Return to Swimming Plan that will be available in August.

The next version of the plan will continue to maintain COVID-19 safe swimming environments and may include further updates to the Indoor Pool Training and Return to Competition sections. We are hopeful that the regulations will see an increase to social gathering limits beyond 50 and/or that the bubble of 10 will increase.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me - thanks for your continued support!

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