

Planning In-Person Indoor 4-H Communications Competitions

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Regarding British Columbia Provincial Health Order Requirements

As many 4-H groups are currently planning communications events, we have pulled together a list of frequently asked questions around the current Provincial Health Order (PHO) requirements. This document will be updated should the PHO's change in the future – the next expected update is April 8, 2022

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VENUES

Can we host in-person communications events?

4-H groups are welcome to host in-person communications events that meet PHO requirements, or host online events, whatever is currently best and most achievable for the club, district, or region.

Are there capacity limits for organized gatherings?

As per the PHO on Gatherings and Events released February 16, 2022, indoor and outdoor gatherings and events can happen at full capacity.

What do we have to consider when choosing and setting up our event venue?

The PHO on Gatherings and Events released February 16, 2022, has no specific venue or event set up requirements. Individual venues may have their own requirements in place, so be sure to check when making event bookings. Best practices for safe event planning would include ensuring participant access to handwashing and sanitizing high touch surfaces regularly.

Can we serve food at our event?

The PHO on Gatherings and Events released February 16, 2022, has no specific restrictions around food service at events. Best practices for safe food service would include low touch options such as grab and go snacks or lunch boxes, or regular sanitization of shared serving items.

VACCINATION

Are attendees required to show proof of vaccination?

Youth attendees up to 21 years of age who are participating in a program for children or youth, are not required to show proof of vaccination.

All adults ages 22+ must show proof of vaccination under the following circumstances:

- A person, including a parent, must be vaccinated, if the person is (a) leading, supervising or assisting with a program for children or youth on a volunteer basis, including if the person receives an honorarium for doing so, or (b) required to be present with a child or youth at a program for children or youth.

- A person, including a parent, who is not vaccinated must not (a) lead, supervise or assist with a program for children or youth on a volunteer basis, including if the person receives an honorarium for doing so, or (b) be present with a child or youth at a program for children or youth.

What about people who are exempt from being vaccinated?

A person exempt from vaccination must show proof of exemption, and photo ID to attend an indoor event. A request for an exemption from being vaccinated or providing proof of vaccination must be made according to provincial guidelines. For more information see [COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\) - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

FACE COVERINGS

Are face coverings required by attendees (i.e. anyone in attendance, including participants, organizers, audience, judges, service providers)?

As per the PHO repeal of the Face Coverings Order on March 11, 2022, face coverings are no longer required in indoor public spaces. Do note, individual businesses are still permitted to require masks, if the owner decides. Be sure to check with venues for their requirements when making arrangements to use facilities

References:

- [COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\) - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- [PHO on Gatherings and Events \(March 10, 2022\)](#)
- [PHO on Face Coverings \(March 10, 2022\)](#)