



Dear Climbing Facilities,

On behalf of Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) and the Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs), we hope that you have been staying safe and hopeful. The end of full facility closure is in sight, with some facilities having been given the go ahead to reopen as early as the end of May. While this is good news, we must ensure the smooth reopening of our facilities.

### **COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE #2**

#### **National Pandemic-Response Task Force Mandates**

The National Pandemic-Response Task Force has agreed on two mandates and has developed sub-groups to tackle the following objectives:

##### **Lobbying & Marketing**

- Empower gym owners to lobby on behalf of the national and provincial sport organizations by providing them with a letter to support their outreach.
- Echo the gym owners request to government by utilizing the CEC political network.
- Message the climbing community about the efforts currently in place.
- Offer marketing tools to gym owners in an effort to reduce their costs to implement proper education in their facilities.

##### **Guidelines & Resources**

- Review guidelines provided by local health authorities and government (municipal, provincial and federal).
- Review resources shared by National Climbing Federations.
- Develop a Guidance Document and tools to help gym owners navigate through the many recommendations and guidelines, while providing flexibility for provincial and local adaptations.
- Offer clear suggestions on how to implement guidelines into the climbing facilities, should gym owners be looking for additional support.

For more information on the Task Force, and to consult the meeting minutes, please go to the CEC website: <http://climbingcanada.ca/en/2020/04/21/national-pandemic-response-task-force/>

##### **Lobbying & Marketing**

The CEC and the PSOs have sign a lobbying letter to support your efforts. When lobbying your provincial government and public health authorities, add this letter to your package. This will provide a national voice to your lobbying campaign. We are always stronger together, and government respond better when local efforts are supported by recognized Provincial and National Sport Organizations.

The CEC will be creating a line of “social distancing signs” and other education tools for gyms to download and use free of charge. We wish to create the postage that you need in your gyms. Please take a second to [fill out this form to tell us what you need](#).

### **Guidelines & Resources**

We heard and understand the concern of being “imposed” recommendations and best practices in your facility. Please be assured that this is not the intention of this project. This project aims to serve as a helpful document for facility owners in developing local strategies. Specific mandated rules will not be imposed.

We will shortly be releasing “The CEC COVID-19 Guidance Document: Suggestions, Tools, and Considerations Aimed to Assist Climbing Gyms Mitigate Potential Risks in the era of COVID-19”. This document is to be used as a tool, with suggestions and considerations. This document will NOT include requirements or standards. It is our hope that it will help the climbing facility navigate their local and provincial health requirements, not to tell them how to do it.

Do not hesitate to get in touch with us for any questions and/or comments.

Sincerely,

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