

# Regional Recreation Operations- Update

**Effective December 11, 2020**

## OVERVIEW

On December 8, 2020, the Government of Alberta announced province-wide public health measures to bend the curve and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the province. These measures directly impact recreation and leisure facilities, both indoor and outdoor.

## FACILITY CLOSURES – EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 13, 2020 @ 12:01 am

All municipally owned recreation facilities will be closed in the Newell Region meaning the County of Newell (excluding the City of Brooks), the Town of Bassano, the Village of Duchess, and the Village of Rosemary. Any recreation facilities in the Newell Region not owned by a municipality are strongly encouraged to close but may remain open if permitted by Government of Alberta (e.g. outdoor rinks).

Municipally owned facilities closed to the public include but are not limited to:

- Gyms and studios
- Fitness and recreation centres
- Indoor rinks and arenas
- Community halls and centres
- Bowling alleys
- Bingo halls

Facility operators and staff are permitted to continue routine maintenance and upkeep during this time. All staff must follow current public health orders and safety protocols.

Municipally owned facility operators and user groups are permitted to operate up until the closure date under November 27, 2020 public health orders and updated Regional Operating Criteria – Effective December 4, 2020.

***These restrictions are intended to be in place of 4 weeks. That being said, restrictions are subject to change based on the evolution of the pandemic.***

Questions may be directed your municipal representative:

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