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SWIMMING
MEMORANDUM

To: All Club Presidents, Registrars, Board Members, Head Coaches, OOC, COVID-19 Coordinators
Subject: OAS Vaccine Statement
Date: August 27, 2021

At the most recent meeting of the OAS board of directors, August 24, 2021, and based on advice from OAS legal counsel, Steve Indig, it was decided that at this time, OAS will not be requiring COVID-19 safety protocols beyond those already set out in the Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen and the related [Ontario Government Regulations](#) or prescribed by local public health units or facilities.

Clubs should work with their facility operators to understand their COVID-19 safety protocols including whether proof of vaccination will be required to access gym and pool facilities and any specific rules related to children and youth sport. Regular communication with stakeholders including athletes and their families, coaches, and others, will be key for all clubs. Participants should be advised whether facility access is limited to those who are fully vaccinated and any health and safety protocols such as rapid testing that may be in place for those who are not vaccinated or refuse to disclose their vaccination status.

To ensure OAS sanctioned competitions can be executed safely, we are actively considering requiring additional health and safety protocols including rapid testing in the competition environment to ensure it is as safe as possible for all our participants. Further details will be circulated well in advance of our first competition, and as circumstances evolve.

We strongly encourage all eligible artistic swimming community members to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The more vaccinated the population, the faster Ontario will exit the Roadmap to Reopen and see most public health measures lifted. A vaccinated population will be the only way that our sport can return to normal.

Ruth Belcher
President

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Executive Director