

COMETS PRACTICE NIGHT: COVID-19 GUIDELINES.

These protocols are current at the time of writing but may be subject to change as the year progresses. The principles guiding the protocol however, remain the same.

Safety is always the first priority.

The Guidelines of BC's Public Health Officer recommends outdoor activities over indoor activities, and her public health order restricts public gatherings to a maximum of (?) people.

The guidelines developed for safe interaction during a trial can largely be applied to practice night.

Specifically:

Practice attendance will be limited to numbers within the current Public Health Order and will occur outdoors.

You must not attend the practice if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or feeling unwell. You will be asked to leave the trial site immediately if you are visibly unwell.

COVID-19 symptoms mimic other respiratory ailments, especially in the early stages. The provincial health officer has been very clear that individuals must err on the side of caution and anyone with respiratory symptoms must be assumed to potentially infected with COVID unless proven otherwise. This means that even if you are "sure" you have a common cold, or seasonal allergies - if you are coughing persistently and/or have upper respiratory symptoms you are not eligible to attend.

You must check in on arrival and confirm your status regarding COVID-19 risk (Appendix A). This will be the responsibility of the Agility Coordinator. It can be in the form of verbal question and answer. The confirmation includes your agreement to comply with the practice night guidelines.

Crating areas set up well away from the ring and a minimum of 6' apart, including people who are crating from their vehicles.

Personal face masks should be worn unless people are in their crating area or running their dog.

Please bring your own mask and hand sanitizer. The Fairground washrooms will be open and the fairground will be maintaining cleanliness and supplies.

The default is a physical distance of 6 feet at all times unless engaged in an activity that makes this impossible - e.g. setting the contact equipment, building the ring.

Cars will be parked 6 feet apart.

Setting up the courses. Hand sanitize immediately before and after course building. Work gloves are not a substitute for hand washing or sanitizing and if used they should be stored in your own crating area between use.

Try to minimize height changes as much as possible. Depending on number of participants and course design members should try to coordinate bar setting to minimize the number of people handling the bars. Hand sanitize before and after handling.

Hand sanitize before you leave the fairgrounds.

Have fun!

