**About AUMA**

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association represents urban municipalities including cities, towns, villages, summer villages and specialized municipalities and more than 85% of Albertans. It is a dynamic and evolving association, advocating the interests of members to the provincial and federal orders of government and other stakeholders.

**Our Vision**

AUMA is a change agent that enables municipalities to be a fully engaged order of government with the capacity to build thriving communities.

**Our Mission**

AUMA is the voice of urban municipalities and provides visionary leadership, solutions-based advocacy, and service excellence.

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## Further details

Thank you for participating in last weeks AUMA call on Phase 2 of the relaunch. We have gone through the questions and pulled major themes and provided responses to popular questions. We hope this helps, but if there are specific questions municipalities would like answered, they can email them to the Pandemic Response Planning Team at: [prptstakeholders@gov.ab.ca](mailto:prptstakeholders@gov.ab.ca).

1. **Can we have a ball tournament?**

Advice on slo-pitch tournaments and others is [here.](https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/62c062a4-a66d-4264-b840-4bde3d05c328/resource/aeb59c6f-5fc0-4c0d-b889-8547f0e1c098/download/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-outdoor-recreation.pdf)

* The Chief Medical Officer of Health recommends that large slo-pitch tournaments continue to be postponed.
* However, modified slo-pitch can resume using the cohort or “mini-league” concept.
* A cohort could involve multiple slo-pitch teams playing each other to a maximum of 50 total participants. Game play between teams would need to be limited to teams within the same cohort or mini-league.
  + In slo-pitch, where teams typically have about 12-15 players, no more than 3-4 teams may play each other in a mini-league.
* A slo-pitch cohort or mini-league, once formed, should stay together throughout Stage 2. A weekend tournament format does not promote this concept as players return home to their communities after weekend play.
* An individual should only be a member of one sport or recreation cohort. For example, if you play slo-pitch during the week, you should not join a different cohort for weekend play.
* Slo-pitch teams in different cohorts or mini-leagues should not play each other during Stage 2.
* If an individual wishes to change cohorts, they should not participate in a new sports or recreation cohort activity for 14 days (this is the incubation period of the virus).
* Cohorting teams should not travel outside of their municipality/region in Stage 2 of relaunch.

**Background**

* For both indoor and outdoor sports activities where participants are unable to always maintain two metres of distance, a sports cohort (or mini-league) should be formed. The mini league cannot exceed 50 individuals.
* A cohort is defined as a closed group of no more than 50 individuals who participate in the same sport or activity.
* Members of a cohort do not need to maintain two metres of distance between them: however, where possible, maintaining distance is still recommended.
* Members of a cohort commit to having only close contact with each other.
* Limiting close contact to those in a cohort decreases opportunities for being exposed to the virus. If someone within the cohort gets COVID-19, the number of people the virus can potentially spread to is lower. It is also easier to trace that person’s close contacts when cohort members are known.

1. **Can senior’s centres open?**

Yes, new guidance is available [here](https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-seniors-centres-and-seniors-serving-organizations.pdf).

1. **Spray Parks: Who has to clean, how often?**

Municipality/Town would be [responsible for cleaning](https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-outdoor-spray-parks-and-wading-pools.pdf). The amount and how often it should be cleaned would depend on use.

1. **Community Halls: Can they re-open?**

Yes - use general guidance and event specific guidance is [here](https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-general-relaunch-guidance.pdf).

1. **When can Trade Shows happen?**

Trade Shows are in Stage 3with restrictions. Vendors can look at [current general guidance](https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-general-relaunch-guidance.pdf) to prepare for Stage 3.

1. **What are guidelines for outdoor washrooms?**

There is a section in the [campground guidance](https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-private-and-municipal-campgrounds.pdf) that covers outdoor washroom facilities: