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A message from your CLSA Board Chair

RE: CLSA and the COVID-19 virus, how do we cope?

It has been brought to my attention that some of our members are having difficulty understanding the methods undertaken by our administrative and programming team regarding re-opening of our facility to our members.

We are working with the best advice from the City of Edmonton and Alberta Health Services.

No one wants the facility to open and be back in full operation more than our executive director and staff. The priorities for relaunching our association are:

- A. the safety of every one of our members who comes on to the premises
- B. the safety of every one of our talented instructors, dedicated staff and City employees
- C. the safety of all the volunteers who will be in the facility making sure that all of us are following the recommended health and safety protocols (by the way, have you considered volunteering at this time?).

We do not want anyone to become a victim to the COVID virus. It seems that six months into this pandemic, COVID fatigue has become an issue. We must remain vigilant, especially where our vulnerable members are concerned, and do our part to limit the spread.

So please bear it in mind that all the changes you will see affecting registration processes, the facility, programs, clubs, class sizes, socializing, special events; everything we are used to, and what we are now doing, is for the safety of anyone who comes into our centre.

It may take some time before we can be running at full operational pre-COVID status. Administration will make adjustments along the way, as required and allowed. Until then we must all remain patient and flexible and be mindful of how our actions may affect others. Remember, this is a worldwide pandemic. We can only hope, wish and pray for a solution as soon as possible.

Stay safe and see you at the center.

Vic Kowalewich,
Board Chair