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**City reopens weight room at Recreation Complex**

Powell River, BC – The City of Powell River will be reopening the weight room at the Recreation Complex on Monday, July 6 with new protocols in place due to COVID-19.

“We’re excited that we can begin to offer limited recreation services to our community,” said Recreation Manager, Neil Pukesh. “While it’s not a full reopening and some modifications to the layout have occurred, the safety of our staff and the public are paramount, so a variety of new rules have been applied.”

To ensure public safety, access to the weight room will now be offered on a reservation basis only to a maximum of 15 patrons at any given time. Several different time slots have been created to reserve online or by phone on a first come, first served basis. Drop-in admission will not be allowed.

Weight room registration opens on Monday, June 29 at 8:30 am and time slots can be reserved up to two weeks in advance, with a maximum one slot per person, per day.

A maximum of 15, one-hour spots are available during each time period, which are available Monday – Friday:

- 6:45 am - 7:45 am
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Patrons must [pre-register in advance online](#) or by phone at (604) 485-2891. Current registration by phone is Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Beginning Monday, July 6, registration by phone will be available Monday – Friday from 6:45 am – 7:15 pm.

Patrons who wish to activate their membership and reserve a spot, must call reception at (604) 485-2891. Alternatively, registration can be made online or by phone for a flat fee of \$5.00. Payment must be made by credit card.

The layout of the weight room has been modified and several new rules have been implemented with respect physical distancing, the safe interaction of participants, as well as environmental and personal hygiene.

Do not visit the gym if you are feeling sick, have been around others who are sick, or if you have travelled outside the region in the past 14 days. Please note that access to showers and lockers at the complex will not be available during this time, but public washrooms will be open. Additional hand sanitizing stations have been installed. Remember to wipe down equipment after every use and bring your own water bottle and towel. Outside personal equipment will not be allowed.

Updated information on recreation programs and facilities are available through the [Parks, Recreation & Culture Department website](#) and [Facebook](#).

If you have any questions, email [parksrec@powellriver.ca](mailto:parksrec@powellriver.ca) or call (604) 485-2891.

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