



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DATE: December 11, 2020  
TO: OMHA Member Associations  
CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors  
FROM: Ian Taylor - Executive Director  
**SUBJECT: COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open**

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Enclosed is the most recent update from the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) regarding clarification of the province's [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#).

**Amendments to this bulletin appear in bold font** and specifically reference updates from the Ministry regarding the Red – Control stage.

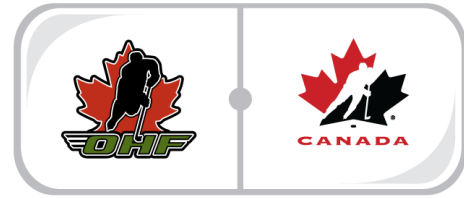
We encourage our member Associations to confirm with your facilities, municipalities and regional Public Health Units regarding the implementation of these changes and to ensure compliance and follow any further restrictions that may be in place.

If you require any additional assistance or clarification regarding the Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework or OHF Return to Hockey Framework, please contact your Regional Director or the OMHA Office.

Encl: OHF COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open - Amended: 12.10.2020

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## OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Members

From: Phillip McKee, Executive Director

Date: 11/18/2020

**Amended: 12/10/2020**

Re: COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open

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### Amendments to this bulletin appear in bold font.

With the recent rollout of the province's [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) the OHF would like to provide guidance to its Members, associations and teams as to the implications on programming.

Within the COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open, the provincial government has established five colour coded levels of public health measures. Each Public Health Unit falls within one of the following levels:

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| <u>Prevent (green)</u>   | <u>Standard measures</u> . Restrictions reflect broadest allowance of activities in Stage 3. Highest risk settings remain close.  |
| <u>Protect (yellow)</u>  | <u>Strengthened measures</u> . Enhanced targeted enforcement, fines and enhanced education to limit further transmission. Public health measures for high risk settings.  |
| <u>Restrict (orange)</u> | <u>Intermediate measures</u> . Enhanced measures. Restrictions and enforcement, avoiding any closures.  |
| <u>Control (red)</u>     | <u>Stringent measures</u> . Broader-scale measures and restrictions across multiple sectors to control transmission (return to modified Stage 2). Restrictions are the most severe available before widescale business or organizational closure. |
| <u>Lockdown (grey)</u>   | <u>Maximum measures</u> . Widescale measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission (modified Stage 1 or pre-Stage 1).   |

The provincial government maintains an up to date list of the various levels and which Public Health Unit falls in each category, the list is available [here](#).



The below chart indicates the permitted activities within OHF programming for each level of the provincial government’s framework.

PHU Level	OHF Stage	Permitted Activity
Prevent	Stage 3b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction training for registered players within Association</li> <li>• 3v3/4v4 competition (compliant within Ontario Regulation 364/20. Specifically cohorts of 50 or less)</li> <li>• No travel outside of PHU unless otherwise approved by OHF</li> <li>• Max 30 participants (players &amp; coaches) on-ice</li> </ul>
Protect	Stage 3b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction training for registered players within Association</li> <li>• 3v3/4v4 competition (compliant within Ontario Regulation 364/20. Specifically cohorts of 50 or less)</li> <li>• No travel outside of PHU unless otherwise approved by OHF</li> <li>• Max 30 participants (players &amp; coaches) on-ice</li> </ul>
Restrict	Stage 3b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction training for registered players within Association</li> <li>• 3v3/4v4 competition (compliant within Ontario Regulation 364/20. Specifically cohorts of 50 or less)</li> <li>• No travel outside of PHU unless otherwise approved by OHF</li> <li>• Max 30 participants (players &amp; coaches) on-ice</li> </ul>
Control	Modified Stage 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction training for registered players within Association</li> <li>• Strict on-ice physical distance required</li> <li>• <b>Maximum 10 players on-ice</b></li> <li>• <b>Minimum 2 On-Ice Personnel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>One of which must be a certified trainer</b></li> <li>• <b>All on-ice personnel must be compliant with the <a href="#">OHF Return to Hockey Framework: On-Ice Personnel policy</a></b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Lockdown	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No programming delivered</li> </ul>

The Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries has provided the following additional clarification for on-ice activities within the Control zones:



- **The total number of members of the public permitted to in all classes, organized programs or organized activities at any one time indoors in a facility must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from other persons at the facility, and in any event cannot exceed 10 people.**
  - **The limit of 10 people applies to members of the public participating in classes, organized programs or organized activities, not the employees, coaches, officials, trainers, spectators or accompanying parents/guardians.**
- **There are not specific limits on the number of employees, coaches, officials and trainers; however, it cannot exceed the number of people who are able to maintain a physical distance of two metres and all people must maintain a physical distance of two metres from anyone else.**
- **No spectators are permitted to be in the facility. However, a person under the age of 18 years who is engaged in activities in the facility may be accompanied by one parent or guardian. The parent or guardian accompanying a person under the age of 18 years is not considered a participant in the class, organized program or organized activities and is not included in the 10 person limit above.**
- **Note that additional restrictions for sport and recreational fitness facilities [in O. Reg 263/20 \(Rules for Areas in Stage 2\)](#) also apply**

Ontario Premier, Doug Ford, in his November 20<sup>th</sup> press conference recommended that Ontarians living in the Control and Lockdown areas avoid non-essential travel to areas of a lower control category within the provincial framework. The OHF supports such recommendation. As such, teams within the Control and Lockdown areas are not permitted to travel to another Public Health Unit to engage in any on-ice or off-ice activity that is not available within that team's Public Health Unit. Specifically:

- Teams within the Lockdown areas are not permitted to engage in any on-ice or off-ice activity.
- Teams within the Control areas are not permitted to travel outside of their PHU to engage in any on-ice or off-ice activity.

The OHF and its Members are committed to the health and safety of all participants, should any questions arise do not hesitate to reach out for clarification. Your support and compliance with the relevant guidelines is of great importance to the continued success in providing an opportunity for our participants to enjoy the game.

**Please note, any relief from the OHF Return to Hockey Framework granted by the OHF Directors remain valid unless further restriction has been applied by the Ontario Government or the relevant Public Health Unit since the relief was granted.**