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## OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Members

From: Phillip McKee, Executive Director

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**Amended: 2/11/2021**

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

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

**As various Public Health Unit's (PHU) begin to exit the province wide lockdown that began December 26, 2020 and are recategorized in 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:

<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 3d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction training for registered players within Association</li> <li>• 3v3/4v4/5v5 competition (compliant within Ontario Regulation 364/20. Specifically cohorts of 50 or less)</li> <li>• Adjacent PHU competition permitted</li> <li>• Max participants (players &amp; coaches) on-ice in accordance with Ontario Law or PHU if more restrictive.</li> </ul>
Protect	Stage 3d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction training for registered players within Association</li> <li>• 3v3/4v4/5v5 competition (compliant within Ontario Regulation 364/20. Specifically cohorts of 50 or less)</li> <li>• Adjacent PHU competition permitted</li> <li>• Max participants (players &amp; coaches) on-ice in accordance with Ontario Law or PHU if more restrictive.</li> </ul>
Restrict	Stage 3d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction training for registered players within Association</li> <li>• 3v3/4v4/5v5 competition (compliant within Ontario Regulation 364/20. Specifically cohorts of 50 or less)</li> <li>• Adjacent PHU competition permitted</li> <li>• Max participants (players &amp; coaches) on-ice in accordance with Ontario Law or PHU if more restrictive.</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>• Maximum 10 players on-ice               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 2 On-Ice Personnel</li> <li>• One of which must be a certified trainer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All on-ice personnel must be compliant with the <a href="#">OHF Return to Hockey Framework: On-Ice Personnel policy</a></li> <li>• Teams may not leave their PHU</li> </ul>
Lockdown	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No programming delivered</li> <li>• Teams may not leave their PHU</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If crossing Public Health Unit boundaries, teams must comply with the regulations of the most restrictive Public Health Unit.</li> <li>• Unless otherwise determined by the OHF, the team's home rink during the 2019-20 season will be used when determining which Public Health Unit protocol must be followed.</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

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.