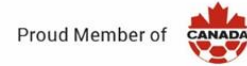




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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2020-122
Date: Nov. 22, 2020
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Return to Play Updated in Accordance with new Government Framework

Ontario Soccer, in consultation with Canada Soccer and the Government of Ontario, continues to monitor the most recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the resulting public health crisis and Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Plan.

The Government of Ontario [announced](#) that, **as of November 23, 2020**, it will move the Toronto and Peel Public Health Units into the "Lockdown" or "Grey Zone" and 12 other regions into new zones under the new Government of Ontario Framework, which is designed to keep Ontario operating safely and to better manage the increasing impact of the global pandemic.

Ontario Soccer has reviewed the latest changes with the Government Health and Sport authorities and made the following updates to the [Return to Play Guide](#):

- Placement of the "Lockdown" or "Grey Zone" under Phase 1 of Return to Play. There are greater restrictions in place for this Zone. No Indoor Soccer facility training is allowed for regions in "Lockdown" or "Grey Zone" but individualized training is still permitted at Outdoor facilities. (Page #7).
- Inclusion of all restrictions listed under "Grey Zone" in the Return to Play Phases and Zones. (Page 8).
- Amended items under the "Red Zone" (Page #9).
- Included a decision making tree for organizations to understand the steps to follow in managing the COVID-19 pandemic in your soccer organization (Page #6).

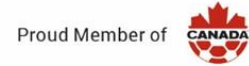
Ontario Soccer will continue to update membership, including any required changes to our Return to Play Guide, when additional changes are mandated by the Government of Ontario.

Organizations are reminded to review the updated [Return to Play Guide and Plan](#) with the details of the new protocols, for each Zone, which are designated by four colours as well as the 'Lockdown' zone.



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Ontario Soccer has updated the Reference Guide (Zones) Overview to assist the membership in understanding these changes.

PHASE:	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
ZONE:	<i>Individualized Training</i> Grey (Lockdown) Red	<i>Group Training and Modified Games</i> Orange Yellow Green	<i>Return to Soccer</i> N/A


Reference Guide (Zones) - OVERVIEW

	Grey	Red	Orange	Yellow	Green
Completion of Canada Soccer Return to Soccer Assessment Tool	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Organization's own RTP Guide/Plan in alignment to Ontario Soccer's RTP Guide	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Age and Stage Considerations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safety Field Marshal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical Distancing for Participants	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Equipment disinfecting after each game/practice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Change rooms	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Indoor Activities Permitted	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outdoor Activities Permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Games or Scrimmages	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maximum "Competitive Bubble"	N/A	N/A	50 players	50 players	50 players
Team Isolation Period before changing bubbles	N/A	N/A	14 days	14 days	14 days
Travel to other zones	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Unless otherwise stated by local Public Health Unit</i>					
Trials/Tryouts/Open Evaluations	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maximum number of Participants (Players, coaches, match officials)	No indoor activities 10 Outdoor	10 Indoor 25 Outdoor	50 Indoor 100 Outdoor	50 Indoor 100 Outdoor	50 Indoor 100 Outdoor
<i>Unless otherwise stated by local Public Health Unit</i>					
Maximum number of Spectators <i>Unless otherwise stated by local Public Health Unit</i>	No spectators, except for ONE parent per participant at outdoor facilities	No spectators, except for ONE parent per participant	No spectators, except for ONE parent per participant under the age of 18	50 Indoor 100 Outdoor	50 Indoor 100 Outdoor



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The following are the **zone designations** and the corresponding Public Health Units:

Lockdown:

- **Peel Regional Health Unit (NEW)**
- **Toronto Public Health Unit (NEW)**

Red-Control:

- **Durham Region Health Department (NEW)**
- Halton Region Public Health
- City of Hamilton Public Health Services
- **Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services (NEW)**
- York Region Public Health

Orange-Restrict:

- Brant County Health Unit;
- **Huron Perth Public Health (NEW)**
- Niagara Region Public Health;
- Ottawa Public Health
- **Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (NEW)**
- **Southwestern Public Health (NEW)**
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
- **Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (NEW)**

Yellow-Protect:

- **Chatham-Kent Public Health (NEW)**
- **Eastern Ontario Health Unit (NEW)**
- **Grey Bruce Health Unit (NEW)**
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit;
- **Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health (NEW)**
- Middlesex-London Health Unit;
- **Peterborough Public Health (NEW)**
- Public Health Sudbury & Districts;
- **Thunder Bay District Health Unit (NEW)**

Green-Prevent:


- Algoma Public Health;
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit;
- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health;



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- Lambton Public Health;
- Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit;
- North Bay Parry Sound District;
- Northwestern Health Unit;
- Porcupine Health Unit;
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit;
- Timiskaming Health Unit

The Government of Ontario Public Health Authorities have stated that those organizations, which are in Lockdown zones, should not travel to other zones to participate in Return to Play activities. The Government of Ontario has indicated that the local Public Health Units are being empowered for greater enforcement of these changes.

Ontario Soccer requests that all member organizations ensure they know which Public Health Unit they are located in. [Click here](#) to find your Public Health Unit.

Member organizations are encouraged to stay in contact with their local [Public Health Unit](#) and Municipality in the event these organizations have implemented additional restrictions that may impact their soccer operations.

How do I stay connected to Ontario Soccer?

For further information please refer to the latest bulletins on the [COVID-19 Updates](#) page, which has all the latest information from Ontario Soccer, as well as resources for your members. Please consider placing a dedicated link to the [COVID-19 Updates](#) on the homepage on your website.

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