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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

**Bulletin #:** I2020-118  
**Date:** Nov. 12, 2020  
**To:** Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA and Associate Members  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer  
**Subject:** Updates to Return to Play Guide and Plan based on 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 recently announced that it has moved Ontario Public Health Units into its new COVID-19 response framework to keep Ontario operating safely and to better manage the impact of the global pandemic.

In recent weeks, various public health units have reported record cases of COVID-19. As the Provincial Sport Organization for soccer, recognized by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, Ontario Soccer has been asked to do our part through its vast membership throughout the province, to help combat the virus. Public health is at risk.

Ontario Soccer has worked with the relevant Government Health and Sport authorities to update our [Return to Play Guide](#) and Plan to better reflect the new government framework within our Return to Play **three-phase** approach.

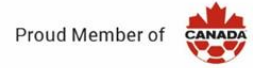
**Organizations are now required to review the updated [Return to Play Guide and Plan](#) with the details of the new protocols, for each Zone, which are designated by four colours.**

Ontario Soccer will determine timelines for each Phase in alignment with the Government of Ontario provincial health authorities involving government orders, restrictions and guidelines. We will continue to update membership through our Information Bulletins, as further updates to directives are known.

Ontario Soccer has created a Reference Guide (Zones) Overview to assist the membership in understanding these changes. **The following is based on the Government of Ontario Public Health Orders. Organizations must check with their local [Public Health Unit](#) for further restrictions, which may be different from the following.**



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

## Reference Guide (Zones) – OVERVIEW


	<b>Red</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Green</b>
Completion of Canada Soccer Return to Soccer Assessment Tool	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Organization's own RTP Guide/Plan in alignment to Ontario Soccer's RTP Guide	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Age and Stage Considerations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safety Field Marshal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical Distancing for Participants	Yes	No	No	No
Equipment disinfecting after each game/practice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Change rooms	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Games or Scrimmages	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maximum "Competitive Bubble"	N/A	50 players	50 players	50 players
Team Isolation Period before changing bubbles	N/A	14 days	14 days	14 days
Travel to other zones <i>Unless otherwise stated by local Public Health Unit</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trials/Tryouts/Open Evaluations	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maximum number of Participants (Players, coaches, match officials) <i>Unless otherwise stated by local Public Health Unit</i>	10 Indoor 25 Outdoor	50 Indoor 100 Outdoor	50 Indoor 100 Outdoor	50 Indoor 100 Outdoor
Maximum number of Spectators <i>Unless otherwise stated by local Public Health Unit</i>	No spectators	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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Ontario Soccer will be scheduling educational webinars on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 1 p.m. and Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7 p.m.

[Click here](#) to register for the November 17, 2020 webinar at 1 p.m.

[Click here](#) to register for the November 18, 2020 webinar at 7 p.m.

**Please submit your questions ahead of participation via [HelpDesk@OntarioSoccer.net](mailto:HelpDesk@OntarioSoccer.net) with the subject line "Return to Play Guide 2.0 Questions."**

Ontario Soccer request that all member organizations ensure they know what health unit they are part of. [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 regions have implemented additional restrictions that may impact their soccer operations.

The following are the **new designations** and the corresponding Public Health Units.

**Lockdown:**

No public health unit regions

**Red-Control:**

- Peel Regional Health Unit.
- Toronto Public Health (Moves into Red as of Nov. 14, 2020 and will have additional restrictions from the local public health unit. Organizations in this region are encouraged to contact their [Public Health Unit](#))

**Orange-Restrict:**

- Ottawa Public Health; and
- York Region Public Health.

**Yellow-Protect:**


- Brant County Health Unit;
- City of Hamilton Public Health Services;
- Durham Region Health Department;
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit;
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit;
- Halton Region Public Health;
- Niagara Region Public Health;



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- Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services;
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- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

#### **Green-Prevent:**

- Algoma Public Health;
- Chatham-Kent Public Health;
- Grey Bruce Health Unit;
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health;
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit;
- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health;
- Huron Perth Public Health;
- Lambton Public Health;
- Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit;
- Middlesex-London Health Unit;
- North Bay Parry Sound District;
- Northwestern Health Unit;
- Peterborough Public Health;
- Porcupine Health Unit;
- Public Health Sudbury & Districts;
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit;
- Southwestern Public Health;
- Thunder Bay District Health Unit;
- Timiskaming Health Unit; and
- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

Additionally, the Government of Ontario has created a [centralized data resource](#) where members of Ontario Soccer can track the cases and spread in their region.

#### **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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If you have any questions, please contact [Patty Forbes](#), Director, Administration.