



OWHA Member Update

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World Female Hockey Leaders
A NEW NORMAL

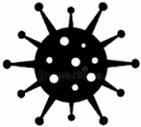
ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ROADMAP TO REOPEN

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Current Context



Ontario's COVID-19 cases rate remains high. **Cases in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) and % test positivity are well above high alert thresholds.** There continues to be significant pressure on the health care and public health system.



Variants of concern continue to pose a significant risk (i.e., increased transmissibility, increased risk of death, and impact on vaccine efficacy). The potential impact of a new variant – B.1.617 variant recently identified in India – is unknown. New variants could also emerge.



While Ontario is making great progress in implementing its vaccination plan, **we have not yet reached sufficient vaccination coverage** to loosen public health and workplace safety measures.



Public health system capacity (COVID-19 case and contact follow-up) is also strained. An ability to aggressively find, test, trace, and isolate COVID-19 cases/contacts must be in place before any measures are lifted. This is essential to controlling COVID-19.

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The Imperative: Stop the Third Wave and Prevent a Fourth Wave

If transmission is not under control before public health and workplace safety measures are lifted, Ontario risks prolonging the third wave, or entering a fourth pandemic wave.

- Relaxing public health and workplace safety measures prematurely could result in:
 - More deaths and long-term disease (as a result of long COVID-19).
 - Further strain on the health care and public health systems that would further impact the delivery of critical health services and increase the growing surgical backlog.
 - Decreased compliance with public health and workplace safety measures, which would impede the response efforts.
 - Risk the introduction of new COVID-19 variants that current vaccines may not be effective against.
 - The ongoing impacts for the economy would be substantial if a fourth set of lockdown-style measures is needed.

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Adopting a New Approach for Exiting the Provincewide Emergency Brake

- It is recognized that stakeholders and public need to understand the path forward, especially how the province will exit the Provincewide Emergency Brake.
- The *COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open* was developed in September/October 2020 during a different pandemic context:
 - It was designed to respond to conventional COVID-19 variants and did not account for variants of concern (VOCs).
 - It also did not account for vaccination (including the interval between receiving vaccine doses).
 - Much has been learned about exiting lockdown-style scenarios, both in Ontario and other Canadian/international jurisdictions.
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) advises the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework* no longer serves its intended purpose and should not be used when exiting the Provincewide Emergency Brake.
 - The CMOH and Ministry of Health are proposing an approach for exiting the Provincewide Emergency Brake that accounts for the current pandemic context, lessons learned, and emerging evidence.

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1. GOALS | Roadmap to Reopen

Exit the Provincewide Emergency Brake gradually so the closure of in-person learning in schools, business closures, and other strict measures are not needed again.



Achieve and maintain low levels of community COVID-19 transmission



Prevent mortality and morbidity, including long-term chronic disease from long COVID-19.



Protect health system capacity.



Make schools safer for in-person learning.



Protect public health capacity, including a need to support vaccination rollout.



Reduce the inequitable impacts of COVID-19.

This proposed approach pertains to the short-term approach to exiting the Provincewide Emergency Brake only.

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2. COMPONENTS | COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen

The COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen includes the following components:

STEPS

- Will be segmented into a series of steps, consistent with the principle of a safe and gradual reopening.

INDICATORS AND THRESHOLDS

- Includes key indicators such as vaccination coverage, ICU levels, hospitalizations, and transmission (e.g., cases rate and R effective).
- It is unlikely that all thresholds will be met at the same time and decisions about moving a Step will require an overall risk assessment by government informed by advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

TIMING

- A minimum of 21 days would be required before progressing to a new step to observe any impacts from changes in measures, in addition to meeting the thresholds outlined in each step. Increased transmission may be expected after each step.

APPLICATION

- Applied at the provincial level to significantly discourage intra-provincial travel to access services and settings that are closed in one's home region.

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3. PRINCIPLES | COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen



The principles for determining what is permitted in each step are as follows:

STEP 1

- Resuming outdoor activities where risk of transmission is minimized and restricted retail. This includes outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people, outdoor dining of up to 4 people per table, and non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity.



STEP 2

- Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people and with face coverings being worn.
 - This includes outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, outdoor sports and leagues, personal care services where face coverings can be worn, and indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings at 15 per cent capacity.



STEP 3

- Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn.
 - This includes indoor sports and recreational fitness; indoor museums, art galleries and libraries, and casinos and bingo halls with capacity limits.

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COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen

COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen – Key Highlights

Vaccination rate plus key health indicators*	1	2	3
	60% Adults with one dose	70% Adults with one dose 20% Fully vaccinated	70-80% Adults with one dose 25% Fully vaccinated
Permitted with restrictions	<p>✓ Outdoors first with limited, well-managed crowding and permitting restricted retail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger outdoor gatherings for up to 10 people • Outdoor dining for up to 4 people per table • Essential retail capacity at 25% • Non-essential retail at 15% • Outdoor sports, training, and personal training for up to 10 people • Day camps • Campsites and campgrounds • Ontario Parks • Outdoor horse racing and motor speedways • Outdoor pools, splash pads and wading pools <p>→ *21 days before next step</p>	<p>✓ Open indoors with small numbers and face coverings and expand outdoors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger outdoor gatherings for up to 25 people • Small indoor gatherings for up to 5 people • Outdoor dining for up to 6 people per table • Essential retail at 50% capacity • Non-essential retail capacity at 25% • Personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times • Outdoor meeting and event spaces • Outdoor amusement and water parks • Outdoor boat tour operators • Outdoor county fairs and rural exhibitions • Outdoor sports leagues and events • Outdoor cinemas, performing arts, live music events and attractions <p>→ *21 days before next step</p>	<p>✓ Expand indoors where face coverings can't always be worn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger indoor and outdoor gatherings • Indoor dining • Essential and non-essential retail open with limited capacity • Larger indoor religious services, rites, and ceremony gatherings • Indoor meeting and event spaces • Indoor sports and recreational facilities • Indoor seated events • Indoor attractions and cultural amenities • Casino and bingo halls • Other outdoor activities from Step 2 permitted to operate indoors

* Key health indicators include declining hospitalization, ICU, cases rate and % positivity

Based on current trends in key health indicators, including the provincial vaccination rate, Ontario expects to enter Step One of the roadmap around June 14, 2021.

For the full plan, visit ontario.ca/reopen

Details for some sectors still in development and are forthcoming.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ROADMAP TO REOPEN



With the new, more contagious variants continuing to pose significant risks the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended the Stay-at-Home Order ([O. Reg. 265/21](#)) until at least June 2, 2021.

All public health and workplace safety measures under the [provincewide emergency brake](#) will also remain in effect.

During this time, the government will prepare to administer the Pfizer vaccine to youth between the ages of 12 and 17, beginning the week May 31, 2021, as the province also finalizes plans to gradually and safely re-open the province.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ROADMAP TO REOPEN



Roadmap to Reopen outlines three steps to easing public health measures, guided by the following principles:

- Step One** An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower, and permitting retail with restrictions. This includes allowing outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people, outdoor dining with up to four people per table and non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity.
- Step Two** Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn. This includes outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, outdoor sports and leagues, overnight camps, personal care services where face coverings can be worn and with capacity limits, as well as indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings at 15 per cent capacity.
- Step Three** Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn. This includes indoor sports and recreational fitness; indoor dining, museums, art galleries and libraries, and casinos and bingo halls, with capacity limits.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ROADMAP TO REOPEN



The province will remain in each step for at least 21 days to evaluate any impacts on key public health and health system indicators. If at the end of the 21 days, the following vaccination thresholds have been met, along with positive trends in other key public health and health system indicators, then the province will move to the next step:

- Step 1:** 60 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose.
- Step 2:** 70 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose and 20 per cent vaccinated with two doses.
- Step 3:** 70 to 80 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose and 25 per cent vaccinated with two doses.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT STEP ONE



Step One

Step One of the roadmap may begin after 60 per cent of Ontario's adults receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and if public health indicators, such as hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and new admissions and case rates indicate the province can safely move to this step of the roadmap. Based on current trends in key health indicators, including the provincial vaccination rate, **the government expects to enter Step One of the Roadmap the week of June 14, 2021.** The province will confirm closer to the expected start of Step One.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT STEP ONE



Step One will permit the resumption of more outdoor activities with smaller, well-managed crowds where risk of transmission is minimized and will permit retail, all with restrictions in place, including but not limited to :

- Outdoor gatherings up to 10 people;
- Outdoor dining up to 4 people per table;
- Outdoor fitness classes, personal training and sports training up to 10 people;**
- Essential retail at 25 per cent capacity and can sell all goods (including discount and big box);
- Non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity;
- Retail stores in malls closed unless the stores have a street facing entrance;
- Outdoor religious services, rites and ceremonies with capacity limited to permit 2 metres' physical distancing;
- Horse racing and motor speedways without spectators;
- Outdoor horse riding;
- Outdoor pools and wading pools with capacity limited to permit 2 metres' physical distancing;
- Outdoor zoos, landmarks, historic sites, and botanical gardens with capacity limits;
- Campsites, campgrounds and short-term rentals; and
- Overnight camping at Ontario Parks.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT STEP TWO



Step Two

Ontario will remain in Step One for at least 21 days. If at the end of those 21 days the province has vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent of adults with two doses and there are positive trends in public health and health system indicators, Ontario will move to Step Two.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT STEP TWO



Step Two will further expand outdoor activities and will resume limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn, with other restrictions in place, including but not limited to :

- **Outdoor gatherings up to 25 people;**
- Indoor gatherings up to 5 people and other restrictions;
- Outdoor dining up to 6 people per table;
- Outdoor sports and leagues;
- Overnight camps;
- Outdoor meeting and event spaces with capacity limits;
- Non-essential retail at 25 per cent capacity; essential retail at 50 per cent capacity;
- Personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times with capacity limits;
- Outdoor cinemas and performing arts with capacity limits;
- Horse racing and motor speedways for spectators with capacity limits;
- Outdoor tour and guide services with capacity limits;
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings at 15 per cent capacity;
- Public libraries with capacity limits;
- Outdoor waterparks and amusement parks with capacity limits; and
- Fairs and rural exhibitions with capacity limits.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT STEP THREE



Step Three

Ontario will remain in Step Two for at least 21 days. If at the end of those 21 days the province has vaccinated 70 to 80 per cent of adults with one dose and 25 per cent of adults with two and positive trends in public health and health system indicators continue, Ontario will move to Step Three.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT STEP THREE



Step Three will permit the resumption of indoor services with larger numbers of people, with restrictions in place, including but not limited to :

- Outdoor gatherings with larger capacity limits;
- Indoor gatherings with larger capacity limits and other restrictions;
- Indoor dining with capacity limits;
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities with capacity limits;**
- Indoor meeting and event spaces with capacity limits;**
- Essential and non-essential retail capacity expanded;
- Personal care services with capacity expanded and other restrictions;
- Indoor cinemas and performing arts facilities with capacity limits;
- Indoor and outdoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings with capacity limited to permit 2 metres' physical distancing;
- Indoor museums and art galleries with capacity limits;
- Indoor zoos, aquariums, waterparks and amusement parks with capacity limits;
- Casinos and bingo halls with capacity limits; and
- Other outdoor activities from Step Two permitted to operate indoors.

This list is not exhaustive. The government will continue to work with sectors on reopening plans, to ensure that they have full awareness of when they can begin to safely reopen and how.



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT



Roadmap to Reopen at a glance

Note : Bolded measures indicate new measures came into effect May 22, 2021 at 12 :01 a.m.

Subject / Sector	Before Step One	Step One	Step Two	Step Three
Sports and recreational fitness facilities	Closed for indoor use except for high-performance athletes, child care, mental health and addiction support services, social services, and physical therapy (subject to conditions)	Outdoor team sports - training only, 10 people max, 3m distance Closed for indoor use except for high-performance athletes, social services, and physical therapy	Outdoor sports leagues open Training for professional or amateur athletes and/or competitions	Indoor open, with some restrictions Outdoor open, with some restrictions
Personal fitness and training	Closed - no indoor or outdoor sports or recreational classes at any indoor or outdoor sport and recreational facilities	Outdoor fitness classes - 10 people max, 3m distance Outdoor personal training - 10 people max, 3m distance Outdoor sports training only - 10 people max, 3m distance	Outdoor fitness classes - 25 people max, 3m distance Outdoor personal training - 25 people max, 3m distance	Indoor open, with some restrictions Outdoor open, with some restrictions



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Roadmap to Reopen at a glance

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Subject / Sector	Before Step One	Step One	Step Two	Step Three
Meeting and event spaces	Closed with exceptions for certain purposes including social services, government operations, court services, in-person examinations for select professions (subject to conditions)	Closed with exceptions for certain purposes including social services, government operations, court services, in-person examinations for select professions (subject to conditions)	Outdoor spaces open at 25% capacity and other restrictions Indoor meeting and event spaces closed, with exceptions for certain purposes, and except for viewing for potential booking of a future event	Indoor spaces open with capacity and other restrictions, including for tradeshow, conferences and exhibitions
Gatherings	Max 5 people for outdoor gatherings	Max 10 people for outdoor gatherings and organized public events Indoor not permitted	Max 25 people for outdoor gatherings and organized public events Max 5 people for indoor gatherings and organized public events with other restrictions	Larger indoor and outdoor gatherings and organized public events with size limits



OWHA RETURN TO HOCKEY WHERE WE ARE



- At all times, OWHA must be in compliance with Health and Safety Requirements
- At all times, OWHA must follow health and safety requirements of all levels of government including PHU's and facilities with the strictest requirement in place.
- At all times, OWHA Insurance is through Hockey Canada and is **ONLY** in place for OWHA sanctioned activities that meet all OWHA requirements.
- **There are NO in-person OWHA sanctioned activities permitted until at least Step 1 is in place.**



OWHA RETURN TO HOCKEY DRAFT ONLY DEPENDING ON REGULATIONS STEP 1 – DATE TBD



ACTIVITY PERMITTED BY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO;

- **Outdoor fitness classes, personal training and sports training up to 10 people**
- OWHA may sanction outdoor fitness classes and personal training for up to 10 people only under the following conditions;
 - The activity meets all requirements of the province of Ontario, the municipality and the facility;
 - The activity meets all requirements of the OWHA including but not limited to:
 - The activity is coordinated and approved by an OWHA Member Association with the date, time and list of participants filed with the OWHA office;
 - All participants and instructors **MUST** be currently registered with the OWHA and meet all requirements such as screening.



OWHA RETURN TO HOCKEY DRAFT ONLY DEPENDING ON REGULATIONS STEP 2 – DATE TBD



ACTIVITY PERMITTED BY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO;

- **Outdoor gatherings up to 25 people;**
- OWHA may sanction outdoor fitness classes and personal training for up to 10 people only under the following conditions;
 - The activity meets all requirements of the province of Ontario, the municipality and the facility;
 - The activity meets all requirements of the OWHA including but not limited to:
 - The activity is coordinated and approved by an OWHA Member Association with the date, time and list of participants filed with the OWHA office;
 - All participants and instructors **MUST** be currently registered with the OWHA and meet all requirements such as screening.



**OWHA RETURN TO HOCKEY
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DEPENDING ON REGULATIONS
STEP 3 – DATE TBD**



ACTIVITY PERMITTED BY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO;

- **Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities with capacity limits;**
- **Indoor meeting and event spaces with capacity limits.**

- OWHA will continue to monitor requirements and opportunities and will provide updates to our Members as available.



OWHA RETURN TO HOCKEY MEETINGS DEPENDING ON REGULATIONS STEP 3 – DATE TBD



Indoor meeting and event spaces with capacity limits.

- OWHA supports on-line meetings of Members. These may be Board Meetings, Annual General Meetings or other types of meetings.



OWHA RETURN TO HOCKEY WHAT WE ARE WAITING TO KNOW STEP 3



ACTIVITY PERMITTED BY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO;

- **Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities with capacity limits;**
- **Indoor meeting and event spaces with capacity limits.**

WHAT WE ARE WAITING TO KNOW FROM ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

- What protocols will remain in place or change such as:
 - Extended Groups of 50 and only in 1 group
 - Modified Games and/or scrimmages
 - Access to dressing rooms and benches
 - Spectators
 - Time to arrive and depart facility
 - Geographical restrictions including provincial and Canadian borders
 - Contact Tracing
 - Tournaments. Leagues. Provincials
 - Etc., etc.



OWHA REGISTRATION 2021/2022



GENERAL INFORMATION

Player Registration - IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION DATE TBD

- All players, team staff and others including outside development instructors must be registered with the OWHA before participation
- Players registered with the OWHA for an OWHA Member for the 2020/21 hockey season, who are in good standing, are insured up to and including August 31, 2021. These players may participate in programming offered by that OWHA Member until that date. Players wishing to participate with the same Member after August 31, 2021 must register for the 2021/22 hockey season.
- Players who were registered with the OWHA for the 2020/21 hockey season, who are in good standing, and have been released from their 2020/21 Member are eligible to sign and participate with their new OWHA Member Association and are required to play for their new Member Association and pay their 2021/22 fee with this new Association.



OWHA REGISTRATION 2021/2022



GENERAL INFORMATION

Player Registration – IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION DATE TBD

- All OWHA players registered for either the 2020/21 or the 2021/22 hockey season are only permitted to participate with the OWHA Member with which the player is currently registered.
- Players MAY participate in an OWHA sanctioned, individual training session that meet all provincial and OWHA requirements, including physical distancing, with the Member the player is registered with. Games, Scrimmages and modified games or scrimmages are not permitted.
- Tryouts are NOT permitted.



OWHA PROGRAMMING 2021/2022



GENERAL INFORMATION - Programming - WHEN PERMITTED

- When permitted, OWHA will sanction acceptable programming for participants properly registered with the OWHA Association for the 2020/2021 or the 2021/22 hockey season up to and including August 31, 2021. After August 31, 2021, all participants must be properly registered for the 2021/22 hockey season.
- Applications for programming must be submitted on the OWHA form, meet compliancy requirements and receive prior written approval from OWHA
- All participants must be registered and meet requirements such as certification, VSS/CRC, RIS and must follow all policies & procedures such as 2-deep
- **NOTE: OWHA is waiting for the Ontario government regulations and will monitor any changes going forward. The OWHA will review options and opportunities.**



OWHA WHERE WE ARE 2021/2022



GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration – IN PERSON PARTICIPATION DATE TBD

- OWHA opened the RAMP registration portal for the 2021/22 season in April.
- This is for Associations and Independent Teams to re-register participants and to sign up new players to hockey.
- All new participants must be registered prior to participation.
- Associations & Independent Teams are reminded of the importance of transparency of fees based on the uncertain aspects of hockey/Covid. There must be a refund policy in place for each Association.



OWHA WHERE WE ARE 2021/2022



GENERAL INFORMATION

Tryouts

- Tryouts are not permitted
- Permission to Skates are not permitted
- We encourage associations to work with players and other associations in the best interests of players.
- Player evaluations may not be possible in the traditional manner. Players could be evaluated at physical distanced training and in modified games within your own association if and when modified games are permitted
- Tampering is not permitted and a player registered with an association may not be approached to play for another association without the permission of her current association.



OWHA AT A DATE TBD 2021/2022



GENERAL INFORMATION

League Play

- TBD – expected to be more local with less travel and limited to inside Ontario. It will be coordinated through the OWHA office at this time.

Tournaments

- Not being sanctioned at this time. May be limited to local Ontario teams

Provincial Championships

- TBD - April 7- 10, 2022 if they can take place in regular or adapted format

High Performance

- Spring events were cancelled
- Women's World Championship currently planned for August in Calgary
- Ontario Summer Games 2021 very unlikely
- Fall events being monitored with U18 National Championship currently scheduled
- Esso Cup (Female U18 club championship) currently scheduled in spring 2022



OWHA RETURN TO “HOCKEY”



At a time yet to be determined

- Planned approach to operating leagues and hosting of tournaments across the OWHA with teams from Ontario
- Integration Outside of the Province
- Welcoming teams from outside Ontario to tournaments and events.
- OWHA teams travelling outside Ontario for tournaments and events.
- Identifying National and International hosting opportunities for events and tournaments.

Clarifications

Any questions or comments relating to the OWHA Return to Hockey Framework should be submitted to the OWHA office at

applications@owha.on.ca.