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Due to the increasing transmissions of COVID-19, including the ever-growing appearance of the highly infectious OMICRON variant, the Province of Ontario announced on January 3, 2022, that it is returning to modified Step 2 of the Reopening Plan based on [O. Reg. 263/20: Rules for areas in Step 2.](#)

Starting Wednesday, January 5, 2022, in accordance with provincial regulations, all indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms will be closed except for athletes training for the Olympics and Paralympics and select professional and elite amateur sport leagues.

All OWHA in-person programming of any kind will be paused, in its entirety, effective 12:01 AM Wednesday, January 5, 2022 and will not resume until 12:01 AM on January 27, 2022 unless the Province of Ontario removes the current restrictions or makes changes to the current legislation (O.Reg.263/20).

The only possible exceptions to the information above may be some flexibility for Professional Women's Hockey Players Association (PWHPA) and/or OWHL Elite U22 (PWHL) leagues/teams. We have been in contact with government representatives who are waiting for an approved framework from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. This information may be available to us by the end of the week. Once we receive the framework, we will review the materials to determine whether programming is possible and what requirements and/or restrictions would apply. Accordingly, until further notice, all in-person activities for the PWHPA and/or OWHL Elite U22 (PWHL) leagues/teams are paused.

We thank you for your attention to this bulletin. The OWHA will continue to monitor any changes and will post updates regarding OWHA sanctioned programming.