



January 3, 2022.

## **Ringette Ontario Suspended Activity Notice**

The Government of Ontario announced today that all indoor recreation facilities will be closed for at least 21 days, commencing at 12:01am on Wednesday January 5th. Ringette Ontario strongly recommends that Associations suspend all activity immediately for the health and safety of the athletes, coaches, and their family members.

Restrictions may continue to be implemented by regional public health and municipalities/facilities over the coming weeks. We will continue to communicate updates with our Associations and participants as they become available as we evaluate what the next few months of our ringette season. All tournaments for January have been cancelled and we will be working with tournament hosts to assess the viability of tournaments currently scheduled for February and March. We have not made a final decision with respect to Provincial and Regional championships as we will be monitoring the situation in the coming weeks.

Please note that if you choose to participate in small group training, outdoor gathering restrictions will apply, and physical distancing and personal protective equipment is required. Again, please ensure you are aware of your local health unit guidelines and restrictions.

The Ringette Ontario team will be working in the coming days to provide virtual tools, resources, and competitions that can be made available to coaches and teams so that our players stay connected to the game and one another.

We understand this is extremely disappointing and challenging for so many of our teams and associations, we want to thank all the volunteers who have put in the effort throughout this season to ensure our players continue to play. We understand that it has been a challenging season and we are facing another hurdle, but we continue to ask for patience and support as we move forward and return to ringette.

Thank you,

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