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TO: OMHA Member Associations

CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors

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SUBJECT: Return to Play – Association Programming

As previously communicated, Hockey Canada determined that the best approach for a return to hockey in Canada is to allow each Hockey Canada Member Branch the opportunity to work with authorities in their respective regions to determine when it is safe to return to the ice in areas that fall under their jurisdiction.

Subsequently, the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) released their Return to Play Framework which includes a detailed phased-approach to reintroduce hockey activities across the province.

Within Phase 2 - Stage 1 of the OHF Return to Hockey Framework, it states that Minor Hockey Associations (MHA) may conduct, with the approval of the OMHA, instructional training for players registered with their MHA during the 2019-2020 season, where such training is conducted by a registered coach with the MHA during the 2019-2020 season.

The OMHA Officers are actively reviewing direction from the provincial government, guidance from public health and facilities across the OMHA. At this time, the OMHA has not yet determined a date when we will start to approve requests from our associations. We will ensure any return to play puts the safety of our participants, first and foremost.

We will keep you informed as we progress through this decision making process.