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Information Bulletin

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To: IFC Membership, Staff
CC: IFC Directors
From: Frank Iaizzo, Athletic Director
Subject: Regions Moving to Phase 2 of Ontario Soccer Return to Play Plan

Hi Everyone,

This week the Government of Ontario [announced its plan for Stage 3](#) for the regional re-opening of the province, which commences today, Friday, July 17, 2020. **Subsequently, Ontario Soccer announced that Phase 2 of the Ontario Soccer Return to Play Plan will now commence for approved regions across the province.**

According to the Government of Ontario, the following Public Health Unit regions can begin Phase 2 of Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Plan:

- Algoma Public Health
- Brant County Health Unit
- Chatham-Kent Public Health
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit
- Grey Bruce Health Unit
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health
- Huron Perth Public Health
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health
- Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit
- Middlesex-London Health Unit
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- Northwestern Health Unit
- Ottawa Public Health
- Peterborough Public Health
- Porcupine Health Unit
- Public Health Sudbury & Districts



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- Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit
- Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit
- Southwestern Public Health
- Thunder Bay District Health Unit
- Timiskaming Health Unit
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

The following regions are not yet cleared to begin Phase 2 of the Ontario Soccer Return to Play Plan, as additional time is required by the Government of Ontario to assess and approve these Public Health Units:

- Durham Region Health Department
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit
- Halton Region Public Health
- Hamilton Public Health Services
- Lambton Public Health
- Niagara Region Public Health
- Peel Public Health
- Toronto Public Health
- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
- **York Region Public Health (This is our Public Health Unit)**

Ontario Soccer has reviewed the announcement and how it impacts the [Ontario Soccer Return to Play Plan](#) with Canada Soccer and the relevant Government authorities.

Considering we have already completed the Return to Play protocols, and have already begun Phase 1 of Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Plan, we may move to Phase 2 when the York Region Public Health unit is approved by the Government of Ontario.

There have been several updates to Phase 2, based on the Government of Ontario's recent announcement.

Please refer to the updated Ontario Soccer [Return to Play Guide](#) for specifics on health and safety protocols and recommendations as part of Ontario Soccer's Phase 2 of Return to Play. [IFC Return to Play Plan](#) has been adjusted consequently.



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The following is a summary of the most significant changes to The Plan:

1. *Closer contact and opposition permitted, as long as NOT prolonged and/or deliberate.*
2. *Inter-squad and Grassroots Festival games permitted (only within the Club/Academy).*
3. *Introduction of modified games formats from 1v1 to 7v7 for U12 and under ages, and 11v11 game formats for U13 and over.*
4. *Spectators will be permitted in designated facility area, and at any one time must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two meters and in any event cannot exceed 100 spectators.*

IFC Soccer will be providing a Phase 2 webinar to review Ontario Soccer's Return to Play details and answer questions on:

Wednesday, July 22 at 3:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to register for this webinar.

Furthermore, Academy and Grassroots Coordinators will be providing you with more up-to-date program details in the next week or so and are always happy to assist you.

Today marks our second week back to the field, and I couldn't be prouder and more pleased to see our staff, student-athletes and families vigorous return back to the field. Let's keep it up, and continue to be mindful of our goal to preserve and protect the health and safety of all our participants and community as whole.

Forza IFC, We are more than a Club!

Sincerely,
Frank Iaizzo, Athletic Director