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Statement re: Province of Ontario return to Step 2 of the Reopening Plan

Date: January 3, 2022
Ottawa, Ontario:

Due to increasing COVID-19 infections including the ever-growing appearance of the highly infectious OMICRON variant in our communities, The Province of Ontario announced today that it is returning to Step 2 of the Reopening Plan based on **O. Reg. 263/20: Rules for areas in Step 2.** [O. Reg. 263-20.pdf](#)

Starting Wednesday January 5, 2022, at 12:01AM, and in accordance with provincial regulations, HEO programming will be paused and will not resume until the Province of Ontario removes the current restrictions or makes changes to the current legislation (**O. Reg. 263/20**), either of which should provide HEO with a clear roadmap on how to proceed.

This pause includes participation in Indoor Sport outside of the Province of Ontario.

As difficult as this is, we must all do our part to stop the spread of this virus at its current rapid pace. Hopefully we are able to get this under control quickly so we can return to hockey as soon as possible.

We understand everyone's frustration with ever-changing provincial and municipal regulations and requirements. We are all looking forward to moving past COVID-19 and returning to the game we love. Thank you all for your patience and understanding once again as we navigate through this latest (and hopefully, last) phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As always HEO will keep your Districts and Leagues informed as soon as we receive any updated information from either the Province of Ontario, any of the four local public health units, Health Canada, or Hockey Canada.