

## **To Our Valued NMHA Members & Players,**



We would like to extend our thank you for the past three weeks. Our Return to Hockey plan has run smoothly for the most part and the Town of Newmarket has also expressed their gratitude & appreciation for everyone's efforts thus far.

As you are probably already aware, we all received disappointing news this past Friday when our Provincial government announced that York Region was going to be stepped back to a modified Stage 2 for the next 28 days. This will begin at 12:01am on Monday, October 19th. This mandate results with all indoor gatherings now being reduced to a maximum of 10 people.

While minor hockey was not shut down, nor named in this roll back (other than to not allow scrimmages or games), the amount of NMHA players and volunteers permitted on ice at any given time are directly impacted by this decision. The OHF Return To Hockey Framework remains unchanged at this point, however, the Provincial government rulings take precedence over all sport organizations and associations.

Effective 12:01am on Monday October 19th, the NMHA will be pausing all hockey ice sessions until further notice.

We are in constant communication with the Town of Newmarket to clarify exactly what we can expect from them and York Region, plus looking at different scenarios for us to consider in order to allow ice sessions to resume at some point in the near future. As you can expect, this is an ever-changing situation which may be altered at any time. We will do our utmost to keep you as our membership informed every step of the way and hopefully will have better news for you and our players in the days to come.

In the meantime, please remain patient as we are exploring all options available to us given the situation. This includes looking at the availability of adding any missed ice with an extended back-end to the season. More details will follow as we evaluate all scenarios and you can expect weekly updates from us going forward.

Please note that no cancellations or refunds will be considered during this time, but as with our Return to Play plan, this will be re-evaluated as we move forward.

Again, we thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate through this very fluid situation.

**~ NMHA Executive**