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To: Associations in the Sudbury District PHU

From: Sue Shepherdson

Re: Modified Game Play

On December 8, 2021, the Sudbury District Public Health Unit came out with additional restrictions due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in the area.

Specifically, as it relates to Team sports such as hockey, the following applies:

- Team sports or games that may result in personal contact must not be practised or played at the facility, indoors or outdoors, unless the sport or game has been **modified to avoid personal contact**. Limited exceptions apply to professional and elite sport leagues or associations. School-related extra-curricular team sports or games are subject to separate measures previously communicated.

Additional information was received this afternoon from the City of Greater Sudbury, which has stated:

- Games / Scrimmages / amateur and recreational sports leagues may be played but associations and groups **MUST modify** on ice activities to ensure there is **NO PHYSICAL CONTACT** between participants

Based on the above, all games within the Sudbury District Public Health Unit are cancelled effective 12:01 a.m. on December 11, until the NOHA provides further direction. All Officials' assignments within the Health Unit are cancelled.

We have confirmed that we can utilize last season's modified rules for game play, however we also believe that there needs to be an education/re-education on those rules prior to games taking place. We will provide to Associations, Coaches and Officials our plans for this education on Monday.

Yours truly,

Sue Shepherdson
NOHA President