



ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION COVID-19 UPDATE

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As COVID-19 (coronavirus) continues to make headlines both here in Ontario and around the world, our hearts go out to those affected. We want everyone to know that they are part of the Ontario lacrosse community, and that we care about your health and safety above all else.

We are closely following news reports and monitoring the impact that this situation is having across the province. Because we live and work in the amateur sports community, we understand the concerns raised by our members, especially considering the rising number of postponed events, programs and educational opportunities throughout the province. With the ongoing developments related to COVID-19 and the concerns that people are sharing over its transmission, it's important that we all work together to prevent and eradicate it as quickly as possible.

Although the Public Health Agency of Canada maintains that the risk associated with contracting COVID-19 is low for Canadian citizens, the situation remains fluid and could change day-to-day. As of today, we have made the difficult but necessary decision to direct our leagues to pause all sanctioned in-person lacrosse activities (try-outs, training sessions, scrimmages, practices, games, etc.) effective immediately and until April 5th, 2020. Online activities, including promotion, registration and planning may continue during this period. In the meantime, we intend to continue preparing for the upcoming season while monitoring the situation. We encourage our members to visit ontariolacrosse.com for the latest news, updates and return-to-program information as we approach the 2020 season.

Up-to-date risk assessment information and other resources published by the Canadian government related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#). The Ontario Lacrosse Association reminds everyone to consider good hygienic practices and safe contact in order to maintain a healthy environment. We are grateful for your understanding and your desire to begin the 2020 season as soon as it is safe to do so.

Keep your sticks in your hands; we'll be back soon.

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OLA President

On behalf of the OLA Board of Governors

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