

October 9, 2020

NOTIFICATION RE:  
GUIDELINES EMERGING FROM  
THE EMERGENCY PROVINCIAL CABINET MEETING

To all Ontario Badminton Clubs:

With the recent record-breaking COVID-19 case counts, Premier Ford's cabinet went into an emergency meeting to discuss the possibility of tightening health measures in attempt to contain the spread of the coronavirus. Badminton Ontario would like to advise all in the community of Ontario on some changes to the Provincial guidelines.

Effective Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:01 am., Ontario is implementing targeted temporary health measures in Toronto, Ottawa, and Peel by moving these regions into modified Stage 2 restrictions as a result of their higher than average rates of transmission. These measures, for a period of at least 28 days, include **closing indoor gyms and fitness centres**.

All badminton clubs and programs are required to **halt all indoor activities** (club play, games, and team sparring) in these regions based on the health measures as [announced by Premier Ford](#) on October 9, 2020. In-person badminton instructional training sessions are permitted by following all health and physical distancing measures but are limited to ten (10) people indoors; absolutely no games, sparring, or scrimmage during these training sessions.

Badminton Ontario also reminds all member clubs and registered individuals, that all activities must adhere to Federal and Provincial (Ontario) legislation, as well as any municipal bylaws and facility rules in place related to COVID-19 physical distancing and public or private gatherings. Failure to abide by these federal, provincial, or municipal requirements may result in legal prosecution by government as well as denial of insurance coverage and possible disciplinary measures by Badminton Ontario.

Ontario is committed to ensuring our athletes play safe when it is safe to play.

Badminton Ontario will continue to provide updates as part of our commitment to a safe return to play and training for all.

Respectfully,



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