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MEMORANDUM

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TO: VIAHA Membership
FROM: Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President
COPY: VIAHA Officers and Staff
SUBJECT: Hockey in 2021

The most recent directive from the Provincial Health Officer has returned hockey to Phase 2 activities until at least January 8th, 2021. Whether we will move back to Phase 3 at that time is dependent on the number of new Covid 19 infections in the two weeks following Christmas. The numbers we have seen since Dr. Henry's press conference on December 3rd have not been encouraging however, given the incubation period of 14 days; the results will begin to become apparent during the next week.

All hockey related activities over Christmas Break must follow Phase 2 restrictions. It is the responsibility of the MHA to ensure that if players engage in activities outside Phase 2 they are isolated from their teams for 14 days; otherwise the team will be isolated for 14 days.

If we are permitted to return to Phase 3 on January 8th the earliest possible date that we could resume play would be the weekend of January 16th-17th. It is possible a return to Phase 3 might include additional restrictions on travel or on the size and composition of cohorts. This is entirely dependent on viaSport in consultation with the Provincial Health Officer. Managing Directors/Commissioners and Staff will be cognizant of this fact when designing cohorts and, in any case, travel will be a significant factor in determining a return to play.

The VIAHA Executive Committee will be meeting in early January to review the situation and the possible route forward.

The VIAHA Officers and Staff wish each of you and yours a Merry Christmas and our hopes are that 2021 is more positive than 2020.

Stay Safe!

Yours sincerely,

Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President