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To: OLA Officiating Staff

CC: Officiating Leadership Team

Date: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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TORONTO, ON – As a follow-up to our April 7<sup>th</sup> notice, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) and the Ontario Lacrosse Officials Association (OLOA) wish to advise all members of the lacrosse community that we are following all government direction around COVID-19 and will continue to monitor Return-to-Activity (RTA) programming with OLA clubs and leagues. We understand that, at present, there is a degree of uncertainty surrounding several aspects of officiating in RTA, but the unfortunate reality is that we all sit in the same place with respect to clear answers on what the upcoming season will look like. The positive news is that we are ready to launch registration and certification platforms as soon as we have direction to do so.

Officiating is a critical piece of the OLA's operations and as soon as we have more information, it will be shared out. While we await a clear direction, you may wish to connect with your home association or league for more information relating to their RTA opportunities and to advise of your interest to participate. Association, League and Zone Officials-in-Charge (OICs) will be able to evaluate your interest to aid in their planning and preparation.

It goes without saying: these are unprecedented times for everyone. While we remain in a holding pattern, please know that we are dedicated to offering effective programming and support resources to each official when we return to play. We will be in touch at least one more time prior to the anticipated expiration of the Ontario stay-at-home orders on May 20<sup>th</sup> to provide the next update.

Stay safe, stay ready and keep an eye on your inbox for more information.

  
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