

MEMORANDUM

Special Olympics
Newfoundland & Labrador



DATE: March 24, 2021

TO: Community Clubs

FROM: Program Director, Kim McDonald-Wilkes

SUBJECT: Return to Programming Update

Thanks to the exciting announcement given today by Dr. Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of Health during the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador COVID-19 Update, the entire province will be moving into Government Alert Level 2 starting Saturday March 27th, 2021.

We appreciate everyone's patience as our staff work through the newly presented Public Health Guidelines for Sport and Recreation. We will adjust our current Return to Programming (RTP) Guidelines to allow community clubs to begin the process of slowly returning to in-person programming, with a phased approach, once again.

Prior to community clubs being able to return, there will be a new application process that must be submitted to Special Olympics NL (SONL) for approval. Our staff will hold a Provincial Update with our Community Clubs and review the new RTP process and guidelines over the coming weeks. Due to the holiday on April 5th we will not be holding our usual informal monthly meeting.

Please visit our Return to Programming Section on www.sonl.ca for information. We will update as frequently as possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to continue to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health and the health of those around you by following all Provincial Health Guidelines, practise physical distancing of at least 2m (6ft), continue to wear your non-medical mask (NMM) and practise good hand washing!

We look forward to working with each community club toward returning safely to in-person programming. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation during this time.

If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim McDonald-Wilkes".

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