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## **CANADIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON COVID-19**

OTTAWA, ON – The Canadian Lacrosse Association values the safety of its players, coaches, officials, staff and fans as its highest priority. As the national governing body for the sport of lacrosse in the country, we have been and will continue to closely monitor all COVID-19 developments in consultation with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and relevant provincial governing bodies.

We remain committed to continually updating our membership and stakeholders for all Canadian Lacrosse Association activity that is impacted by the ongoing uncertainty of the unprecedented and dynamic COVID-19 situation. Information from the relevant governing bodies and public health agencies will be shared as it becomes available.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) currently advises organizers of events to consider deferring, cancelling, or changing their plans. Since situations differ, you should consult the health authorities in your jurisdiction (see contact information below) to inform your decisions. There has been a growing number of cancellations over the last 48 hours or so; you may wish to consider cancelling or postponing an event, or determine whether spectator numbers can be limited. These are difficult decisions as there are consequences for cancelling, but there are also risks associated with not cancelling.

The Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) recommends that all lacrosse activity in Canada be postponed until April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The CLA will continue to closely monitor all COVID-19 developments in consultation with all public health authorities, Member Associations and relevant governing bodies and provide updates.

### **Contact information for public health authorities by jurisdiction:**

Government of Canada novel coronavirus information line: **1-833-784-4397**

**British Columbia:** 811

**Alberta :** 811

**Saskatchewan:** 811

**Manitoba:** 1-888-315-9257

**Ontario:** 1-866-797-0000

**Quebec:** 811

**New Brunswick:** 811

**Nova Scotia:** 811

**Prince Edward Island:** 811

**Newfoundland and Labrador:** 811 or 1-888-709-2929

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**Nunavut:** 867-975-5772

**Northwest Territories:** 911

**Yukon :** 811

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### **About the Canadian Lacrosse Association**

Founded in 1867, the Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) is the governing body responsible for all aspects of lacrosse in Canada. Our organization is comprised of 10 Member Associations representing nearly 85,000 individual participants, including coaches, officials, and athletes of all ages and abilities. The CLA's mission is to honour the sport of lacrosse and its unique nation-building heritage, by engaging our members, leading our partners, and providing opportunities for all Canadians to participate. The CLA oversees the delivery of numerous national championships and the participation of Team Canada at all international events sanctioned by World Lacrosse. The CLA is proud to be affiliated with partners that share the same vision and values, including our corporate partners - NormaTec Recovery Systems, Canadian Red Cross, Westjet, and Baron Rings - as well as our funding partners the Government of Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada, and the Canadian Lacrosse Foundation. For more information on Canadian Lacrosse Association and the sport of lacrosse, visit our website at [www.lacrosse.ca](http://www.lacrosse.ca) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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