



Northwest Hockey League

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The State of NWHL amid COVID-19 and Illinois Restrictions

The Northwest Hockey League would like to follow up on our statements in September regarding the 2020-2021 hockey season. We were optimistic when the late summer and early fall showed continued improvements that we had been experiencing over the preceding weeks. That is not what happened. The current conditions in Illinois and surrounding areas have in fact deteriorated quite drastically. Illinois and other states have instituted further restrictions including the shut down of indoor ice rinks as well as other facilities as well.

The NWHL will be following all federal, state, and local guidance. Once Illinois provides guidance for the resumption of competitive play the NWHL will evaluate what opportunities we have for our season. We have discussed this with our team representatives previously. We are optimistic that we will be able to continue play in the next few months as vaccines and therapeutics become readily available. We do not wish to speculate on the specifics of when play may resume.

The Northwest Hockey League hopes that all stay healthy and are able to spend the upcoming holidays with your family and stay safe, We will come out on the other side of this pandemic and celebrate the game we love and our personal successes.

Best regards,

Northwest Hockey League Board

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