

## **Boston Pizza Icefest Tournament**

### **Indoor Rec Facility COVID-19 Safety Plan - Step 3**

- **What facility will your event take place at?**  
Arenas (Healthy Planet, Kinsmen, PMC, Asphodel-Norwood Arena)
- **Organization/Individual Name**  
Peterborough Minor Hockey Council - Icefest Tournament
- **Governing body (if applicable)**  
Ontario Minor Hockey Association
- **Start date**  
10/14/2021
- **End date**  
10/17/2021
- **This Safety Plan is for Step Three of the Reopening Framework and you may be required to complete an updated Safety Plan when further regulations are announced.**  
I acknowledge the above statement
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- **Coaches, trainers and volunteers must maintain two metres distance from any other person/player. Explain how you will comply with this requirement.**
  - Players, coaches and spectators are permitted to enter the facility no earlier than 10 minutes prior to their start time and must exit within 10 minutes of their end time.
  - All coaches, trainers, staff or volunteers must maintain two metres distance from any other person who is not wearing a mask. If at any time physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained staff, coaches, trainers, and volunteers are required to wear appropriate PPE (mask and eye protection).
  - Effective Sept 10th - The municipalities and PPH met and determined that most of the local arenas will be able to accommodate an increase to 40 participants, with time keepers and referees being extra. Spectator capacity - Two spectators will be permitted per participant (maximum 80)

- U16 and U18 teams awaiting final confirmation for a total of 50 participants \*under review with Brad Putnam due to accommodating larger team #'s and scouts
  - All players, coaching staff and spectators to adhere to the entrance and exit plan communicated from the City of Peterborough for each respective arena. This also includes the changerooms. For this tournament, all participating teams shall receive details for all arena protocols. They will be sent to Coaches/Team contact in advance so they can communicate with their respective teams.
- **If at any time physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained coaches, trainers and volunteers are required to wear appropriate PPE (medical grade mask approved by Health Canada and eye protection).**  
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- **Masks/face coverings must be worn by all individuals entering the facility at all times, except for those with permitted exemptions.**  
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- **Active screening is required for all individuals (coaches, trainers, athletes, volunteers and spectators) who enter the facility, including visiting team. Explain how you will ensure the screening protocols are followed.**
    - covid-19 screening for all upon entry / contact information obtained for participants + spectators \*ideally submitted within 2 hours of ice times. Confirmation of passed screening questions for entry and manually retrieve participant name / contact information and any spectators. All paper records will be kept on file.
    - All teams to be checked in and recorded via paper sheets. All Covid Reps per team / and or Lions Club volunteers are responsible for verifying all participants and spectators are entered into the tracking tool and covid-19 screening is completed for entry into arena. Additional proof of status checks to be completed (outlined in separate question).
    - For any incoming teams, ice participants and Coaching staff as well as incoming spectators will need to produce in advance of entry a summary of ALL attendees along with name, contact details, and a summary of their screening results (confirming pass). A paper copy of this information will be left with covid-rep. At the entrance, the covid rep will check off all of the attendees to confirm the #'s for entry and that all information was obtained. That will be kept on file in the event of any contact tracing.

- Coaches, trainers, and volunteers must use the worker screening tool model. Athletes and spectators must use the patron screening tool model \*latest version is Aug 10, 2021 – our tool has the latest versions in place for both working screening tool and patron screen tool.
- All records are readily accessible if needed and will be kept on file for 30 days.
- **Proof of vaccination is required as per provincial regulations. Explain how you will ensure the protocols are followed.**
  - ♣ Individuals must be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) against COVID-19 and provide their proof of vaccination along with approved identification to access all indoor sport and recreation facilities. This applies to Coaches, Asst. Coaches, Trainers, volunteers and spectators (age 12+) as per outlined in the PPH announcement: COVID19 Proof of Vaccination for Arenas and Fitness Facilities - City of Peterborough
  - ♣ Any players aged 12-18 will not be required to show any proof of vaccination status
  - ♣ All versions of the receipt are acceptable as proof of vaccination. Proof of vaccination will be accepted if the person's name and date of birth on their identification document matches the vaccination receipt with name and date of birth and if the person is fully vaccinated.
  - ♣ show their vaccine certificate/receipt that indicates where the receipt was issued (Ontario, Indigenous health provider or from another jurisdiction are acceptable), that the individual is fully vaccinated, and that the date of administration of the final shot was at least 14 days ago
  - ♣ show acceptable identification that includes their name and date of birth (acceptable documents to confirm identity include: birth certificate, citizenship card, driver's licence, government issued ID card, health card, Indian status card/Indigenous membership card, passport and permanent resident card. Expired Ontario issued identification will be accepted).
- **It is the responsibility of the facility contract holder/designate to ensure that all individuals (except for those with permitted exemptions) entering the facility for their rental have provided proof of vaccination.**  
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- **Every person that enters the facility must maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from any other person. Explain how you will ensure that everyone complies and more specifically prevent and control crowding.**

- Controlled facility access: 10 minutes prior to permitted time, using designated entry point
  - Group must exit 10 minutes following permitted time, using designated exit points
  - Communicate to all members/participants/spectators the respective arena protocol (entry / exit procedures).
  - Covid Reps and / or Lions Club Volunteers will be responsible for all covid-19 submissions for check-ins into each respective ice time/arena. This will ensure all #'s attending are accounted for and counted to ensure the max # of people permitted is not exceeded.
  - Players / coaches to adhere to the maximum #'s permitted by changeroom for skates, helmets and gloves. Players should come fully dressed and physical distance markings per changeroom.
  - No showers are available.
  - Spectators to honour the viewing areas permitted within each arena. No spectators to socialize or congregate in the main lobby areas.
- **A maximum of two spectators per athlete are permitted to enter the facility. Spectators must maintain two metres physical distance from each other, unless they are from the same household. Explain how you will ensure spectators follow these guidelines.**
    - spectator capacity to 2 per participant (up to max of 80). Trainers, referees/timekeepers will be permitted in addition to that on-ice capacity number.
    - General public access is not permitted
    - Controlled facility access: 10 minutes prior to permitted time, using designated entry point
    - Group must exit 10 minutes following permitted time, using designated exit points
    - Washrooms will be provided for spectators only.
    - All PMHC Coaches/Covid-Reps will communicate to all members/participants the respective arena protocol (entry / exit procedures), covid-19 screening for all upon entry / contact information obtained for participants + spectators \*ideally submitted within 2 hours of ice times.
    - All spectators to complete check in process for contact tracing and proof of vaccination status for spectators aged 12+. Process outlined in 'Proof of vaccination question'.
  - **Explain how your league will ensure that hygiene standards are being followed by players and spectators:**
    - Hand sanitizer is recommended upon entry into the facility.
    - Players should have their own individual water bottles and labeled

with their names. It is their responsibility to take their water bottles home and wash them before the next session.

- Emphasize to players the importance of washing their hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitizer. Carry extra hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes in the first-aid kit
- Emphasize to players the importance of keeping their equipment clean & avoid sharing of equipment.
- The safety person/trainer should wear non-latex gloves on the bench for practices and games.
- Gloves should be worn when handling equipment and when treating a player.

- **Explain how your league will ensure equipment is properly cleaned:**

- Emphasize to players the importance of keeping their equipment clean.
- Some equipment should be washed (jerseys, pant shells, socks) after each training session following manufacturer guidelines.

- Shared equipment is typically left with Coaches / Asst. Coaches - advise them to use products that are approved by Health Canada, with a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe use.

- **You are required to record contact information for everyone who enters the facility and maintain the records for at least one month. This includes coaches, athletes and spectators for the home and visiting team. Explain how you will comply.**

- Covid-Reps and / or Lions Club Volunteers will ensure all covid-19 screening is completed for all upon entry / contact information obtained for participants + spectators \*ideally submitted within 2 hours of ice times.
- Covid Reps and / or Lions Club Volunteers need to secure all participants, coaches, trainers, and spectators contact information details for all game play for attending team. For the tournament, all teams should have a summary of their ice participants and Coaching staff as well as incoming spectators will need to produce in advance of entry a summary of ALL attendees along with name and contact details and a copy to left with covid-rep/ or Lions Club volunteer. At the entrance, the covid rep and / or Lions Club volunteer will check off all of the attendees to confirm the #'s for entry and that all information was obtained. That will be kept on file in the event of any contract tracing.
- Effective starting Sept 22, 2021 – the City Arena / City staff will

provide a form that will be required to be acknowledged and signed by the contract holder/designate (covid rep or Team contact to sign) prior to the group being permitted access.

- Effective starting Sept 22, 2021 ALL proof of status must be verified for all spectators (aged 12+), Coaches, trainers, refs. All players 12-18 do not need to show proof of vaccination status.

- **What procedures do you have in place to respond to a positive case of COVID-19?**

PARTICIPANT ADVISES TEAM STAFF THEY ARE NOT FEELING WELL AND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING

1. Participant is advised to follow up with their physician as needed.
2. Self-isolate, self monitor for symptoms, visit a Covid-19 Assessment Centre if symptoms persist
3. They can return to hockey activity after a minimum 24 hours of being symptom free.

We have always stressed you are better to be safe and be a good teammate.

PARTICIPANT ADVISES THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING

If you are fully immunized:

1. You should self isolate, and potential based on symptoms to get tested right away.
2. If your test is positive, you must self isolate for 10 days. If your test is negative, you can discontinue self-isolation once symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms)

If you are NOT fully immunized:

1. If a participant has COVID-19, they should follow up with their physician and public health authority for instructions. Self-isolate, self monitor for symptoms.
2. Any participant with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should not return to the hockey environment until all public health authority steps have been completed. They will require a note from their physician or public health authority to return to activity
3. If a participant is confirmed to have COVID-19, refer to the following section for recommended communication.

PARTICIPANT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AND CONTACTS THEIR PHYSICIAN (Follow public health guidelines)

1. If there is an individual who is positive with COVID-19 and associated with your team, group, or club you may not receive notification from PPH. It will depend on the amount of information we receive from the individual who is confirmed COVID-19 positive.

2. If you do learn of an individual associated with your team, group or club who is COVID-19 positive you should maintain confidentiality of this individual's personal health information. Ensure this person does not return to the sport or activities until they have received clearance from Peterborough Public Health.

3. Do not attempt to initiate contact tracing or notification of other participants until you consult with public health. We can provide guidance to you and communication to circulate with your participants, if that is deemed necessary.

4. If you learn of 2 or more participants/players diagnosed with COVID-19 within a 14-day interval, please contact Peterborough Public Health ASAP 705- 743-1000 or [covid19@peterboroughpublichealth.ca](mailto:covid19@peterboroughpublichealth.ca).

5. Note required from a physician or public health authority to return to play.

\* based on being fully immunized OR NOT fully immunized – then the steps via Ministry of Health – High Risk Contact Flow Chart should be adhered to for having symptoms or no symptoms and follow direction via Peterborough Public Health.

- **What procedures do you have in place to respond to a symptomatic participant?**

The following are recommended guidelines for team staff, parents and guardians for participants who are sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19. It is important to remember that public health authority guidelines and advice from physicians must be followed in any situation where a participant is sick.

**PARTICIPANT FEELS ILL AT THE FACILITY/ACTIVITY**

1. Participant advises team staff/safety person immediately.

2. Participant receives a mask and wears immediately. Anyone caring for the participant should also wear a cloth mask.

3. Parents/guardians are advised and take the participant home. If the participant is an adult, they will leave immediately if well enough to drive. If there is a delay in leaving the facility, they should find a location to isolate.

4. Complete a self-screening again and act on the recommendations provided (e.g. self-isolate, visit a COVID-19 Assessment Centre to be tested, self-monitor for symptoms, contact primary care provider, etc.). Use the provincial Screening Tools to complete the screening: Use the COVID-19 Worker and Employee screening tool for staff and volunteers. Use the COVID-19 Patron screening tool for participants and anyone who may accompany them.

5. Seek medical attention as required. Return once symptom free for min 24 hours. Depending on whether you are fully immunized or NOT

– different steps to follow based on direction of Peterborough Public Health Guidance.

PARTICIPANT ADVISES TEAM STAFF THEY ARE NOT FEELING WELL AND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING

1. Participant is advised to follow up with their physician as needed.
2. Self-isolate, self monitor for symptoms, visit a Covid-19 Assessment Centre if symptoms persist
3. They can return to hockey activity after a minimum 24 hours of being symptom free.

PARTICIPANT ADVISES THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING

1. If a participant has COVID-19, they should follow up with their physician and public health authority for instructions. Self-isolate, self monitor for symptoms.
2. Any participant with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should not return to the hockey environment until all public health authority steps have been completed. They will require a note from their physician or public health authority to return to activity
3. If a participant is confirmed to have COVID-19, refer to the following section for recommended communication. \*\*included in separate question

- **If a positive case is confirmed, the permitting coordinator must be notified, but no further personal information will be shared.**

I acknowledge the above statement

- **Submitted by**

Frank Curran

- **Today's date**

9/30/2021



## Indoor Recreation Facilities – Safety Plan Guidelines

Updated Sept 9, 2021

### Step Three Guidelines-General:

1. Hand sanitization upon entry of the facility is highly recommended.
2. Masks are required in the indoor areas. Some exemptions apply as per the provincial regulations.
3. All coaches, trainers, staff or volunteers must maintain two metres distance from any other person who is not wearing a mask. If at any time physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained staff, coaches, trainers and volunteers are required to wear appropriate PPE (medical grade mask approved by Health Canada and eye protection).
4. It is highly recommended that team sports be modified to reduce or limit the amount of personal contact.
5. Overall facility capacity must not exceed 50% occupancy.
6. Program capacity may be lower than 50% based on programming type and location.
7. The renter of the facility must upon entry to the facility actively screen and record the name and contact information of every member of the public and maintain the records for a period of at least one month. This includes all participants including coaches, athletes, and spectators from both home and visiting teams.
8. Visitors to the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre are actively screened by facility personnel upon entry using the screening checklist questionnaire. Records of their name and contact information will be kept for one month for contact tracing purposes.
9. Participants of fitness and exercise classes must maintain a physical distance at least two metres from any other person who is using the facility and are subject to 50% of capacity limits.
10. Floor markers, signage and enhanced cleaning measures using disinfectant with a DIN# are implemented to control the risk of transmission.
11. An approved safety plan is required prior to facility access or rental

### Step Three Guidelines- Arenas:

1. General public access is not permitted. Facility doors will remain closed- no unauthorized access will be permitted.
2. Groups are to adhere to all directional signage while in the facility.
3. Groups of up to 40 on ice participants will be permitted access to use of assigned change rooms and seating areas in common spaces (lobbies/viewing areas)
4. Referees and timekeeper staff required for gameplay are NOT included in the above capacity and will be considered additional but must be screened by the organization representatives and enter facility with participants
5. Participants and spectators will be provided access to the facility 10 minutes prior to permitted time, using designated entry points at each facility.



6. Youth participants must enter fully dressed and wearing a mask with the exception of skates, helmets and gloves
7. Adult users may enter partially dressed or must utilize the 10 minute entry time to dress for activity. Changing in common areas (hallway or spectator spaces), with the exception of skates/gloves etc will not be permitted
8. All participants and spectators must exit 10 minutes following permitted time, using designated exit points at each facility.
9. All on ice participants should exit as they entered partially dressed, not fully changing in rooms or common spaces.
10. Designated change rooms (with posted capacities) and additional common spaces including chairs/benches for player seating will be assigned to ensure physical distancing is maintained.
11. Showers will no longer be provided to any user groups
12. Two (2) spectators will be permitted per participant, up to a maximum of 80 per ice rink. Designated viewing areas will be provided at each facility, as directed by staff and/or signage.
13. Washrooms will be provided for spectators at each location.
14. Food and beverage will be permitted, keeping physically distanced while consuming items.
15. Dedicated exit/cleaning time between each permitted time is performed by City staff. There will be a minimum of 15 minutes between permitted times
16. All permit holders are responsible for ensuring their groups and participants adhere with all governing body sport regulations (e.g. Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation, Skate Ontario etc.).
17. For all youth sport, permit holders must ensure that groups of participants and spectators adhere to all entry and exit protocols. It is the responsibility of each organization to ensure a designated staff or volunteer is available at entry for all screening activity, monitoring interior access and exiting the facility within permitted times

### **City of Peterborough Requirements:**

1. Post Facility Safety Plan signage
2. Post screening signage at the entrance of each facility
3. Post physical distancing and directional signage along pathways and throughout the facility.
4. Post capacity limit signage
5. Continuously observe players and spectators to ensure they are following restrictions and create further guidelines if they are not being followed.
6. Clean and disinfect all high frequency touch points, change rooms and washrooms as per Public Health Guidelines.

The City of Peterborough appreciates your attention and cooperation on all the above guidelines while visiting City arena facilities. Failure to comply with facility guidelines may result in discipline and/or cancellation of permitted time.



## **Instructions from the Medical Officer of Health**

### **Pursuant to Section 2 (2.1) of O. Reg. 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step**

September 17, 2021

- TO: All Owners, Operators and Persons Responsible for businesses and organizations participating in organized sports utilizing the indoor area of facilities located in the City of Peterborough and County of Peterborough**
- RE: Medical Officer of Health Instructions for proof of vaccination requirements for any person eighteen (18) years of age or older participating in organized sports**

The fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has arrived, in Peterborough as elsewhere.<sup>1</sup> It is clear that the fourth wave is being influenced primarily by the Delta Variant of COVID-19.<sup>2</sup> The Delta Variant is more than twice as transmissible than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus.<sup>3</sup> More specifically, evidence shows that for every person who is infected with the Delta Variant, they are expected to infect 6-8 additional people if there are no control measures in place.<sup>4</sup> Provincial case counts for COVID-19 continue to be alarming. 593 new cases were reported on September 14, 2021. Recently, case counts have been as high as 944 cases (September 3).<sup>5</sup> In a report published by Public Health Ontario, the rate of COVID-19 cases in unvaccinated individuals is consistently higher from December 20, 2020 to August 7, 2021, compared to fully vaccinated individuals,<sup>6</sup> indicating that the unvaccinated population is another factor driving the fourth wave of this pandemic. As such, new provincial targets of 90% of eligible Ontarians with two doses of vaccine have now been adopted.

Activities related to organized sports, particularly those that happen indoors, have the potential to facilitate all five risk factors for COVID-19 transmission which include: close contact, closed spaces, crowded places, prolonged exposure, and forceful exhalation.<sup>7</sup> When coupled with the removal of masks during physical activity, the Delta Variant of COVID-19 has made indoor sports and recreation activities some of the most high-risk settings for COVID-19 transmission.<sup>8</sup>

The new [provincial proof of vaccination requirements](#) have exempted certain participants of organized sports, including volunteers, coaches and officials. Volunteers, coaches and officials are necessary for the operation of organized sports. Given that these individuals will have close and prolonged contact with vulnerable youth who are unvaccinated, by way of this Letter of Instruction, I am requiring proof of vaccination for these individuals, in addition to the individuals prescribed by provincial legislation. Requiring all individuals, 18 years of age or older, participating in organized sports to be fully vaccinated provides enhanced protection for our community and further curbs the local risk associated with indoor organized sports.

All Owners, Operators and Persons Responsible for businesses and organizations participating in organized sports utilizing indoor facilities located in the City of Peterborough and County of Peterborough are instructed to:

1. Comply with the provincial requirements related to proof of vaccination, as outlined in [O. Reg. 364/20](#), section 2 (2.1) and the Ministry of Health's [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act](#). This includes:
  - a. Confirm proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to another exemption) and identification each time a patron, 18 years of age and older, arrives at the facility to actively participate in the indoor organized sport.
  - b. Confirm proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to another exemption) and identification for all patrons, 12 years of age and older, each time the patron attends the facility as a spectator.
2. Confirm proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to a medical exemption) and identification for all volunteers, coaches and officials participating or associated with the indoor organized sport each time the individual arrives at the facility.
3. Continue to comply with all other public health measures related to screening, physical distancing and use of personal protective equipment, as outlined in O. Reg. 364/20.

In order to comply with provincial legislation and this Letter of Instruction, organized sports operators and facilities will need to work collaboratively. It is expected that organized sports operators and/or facility operators will already have systems in place to confirm proof of vaccination for patrons, including athletes and spectators, and that the added requirement to confirm proof of vaccination for volunteers, coaches and officials is unlikely to be burdensome.

With this being a requirement pertaining to the use of facilities located within the geographical region served by Peterborough Public Health, local organized sports groups will need to ensure that teams or individuals from other jurisdictions attending the Peterborough area for the purpose of a game or competition are made aware of these instructions, prior to attendance at local facilities.

Local facilities are asked to ensure that these instructions are communicated to all user groups and/or renters of the facility and that there is a plan by the person responsible for the organized sport to ensure compliance with these instructions.

For the purpose of these instructions, the following definitions apply:

**Person responsible** means the holder of a permit to use the facility or designated individual which may include, but is not limited to, a coach, coordinator, trainer, or other person responsible for the compliance with public health measures related to COVID-19.

**Organized Sport** means sports and recreation including, but not limited to, sports leagues, organized pick-up sports, dance classes, gymnastics, martial arts and swimming classes, or as otherwise described in the Ministry of Health's [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act](#).

**Identification** means a form of identification with the name of the identification holder and the holder's date of birth; it does not necessarily mean photo identification. More description can be found in the [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act](#).

**Medical exemption** means an exemption confirmed by an individual who provides a written document, completed and supplied by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class, that sets out, in accordance

with the Ministry of Health's [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act](#): (i) a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and (ii) the effective time-period for the medical reason.

These instructions are effective beginning **September 22, 2021** to align with the implementation of provincial proof of vaccination requirements. These instructions are enforceable in accordance with the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act, 2020](#) (ROA), and will be monitored and enforced by Public Health Inspectors. Failure to comply, by either the patron or the business or organization may result in charges being laid under the ROA. If charged under Part I of the [Provincial Offences Act](#) (POA), set fine amounts are \$750 for individuals and \$1000 for corporations. Maximum penalties based on prosecution under Part I or Part III of the POA include fines of up to \$100,000 and up to a year in jail for an individual; up to \$500,000 and up to a year in jail for an individual who is a director or officer of a corporation; and up to \$10 million for a corporation.

If you have questions or concerns about these instructions please contact our office at (705) 743-1000, ext. 351. Please note that this Letter of Instruction will be posted on PPH's website at: [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/public-health-orders](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/public-health-orders).

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Rosana Salvaterra, MD, MSc, CCFP, FRCPC  
Medical Officer of Health

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<sup>1</sup> Science Table: COVID-19 Advisory for Ontario. Update on COVID-19 Projections: Science Advisory and Modelling Consensus Tables. September 1, 2021. Retrieved from: [https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Update-on-COVID-19-Projections\\_2021.09.01\\_English-1.pdf](https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Update-on-COVID-19-Projections_2021.09.01_English-1.pdf)

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<sup>6</sup> Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (Public Health Ontario). Confirmed cases of COVID-19 following vaccination in Ontario: December 14, 2020 to August 7, 2021. Toronto, ON: Queen's Printer for Ontario; 2021. Retrieved from: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/epi/covid-19-epi-confirmed-cases-post-vaccination.pdf?la=en>

<sup>7</sup> Public Health Ontario. COVID-19 Transmission Through Large Respiratory Droplets and Aerosols... What We Know So Far. May 20, 2021. Retrieved from: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/covid-wwksf/2021/05/wwksf-transmission-respiratory-aerosols.pdf?la=en>

<sup>8</sup> American Academy of Pediatrics. Youth sports and COVID-19: Understanding the risks. March 1, 2021. Retrieved from: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/Youth-Sports-and-COVID-19-Understanding-the-Risks.aspx>, Accessed: September 16, 2021.



# VACCINATION POLICY

2021-22 Season

Version 2 – Issued: September 9, 2021



**Purpose of Policy:** To continue to protect the health and safety of all OMHA Participants by requiring that certain individuals be fully vaccinated as a condition of participating in OMHA Sanctioned Activities in accordance with defined timelines.

## **Definitions:**

**“Accepted COVID-19 vaccine”** means a COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved for use by Health Canada.

**“Affected Persons”** means any Vaccine-Eligible Players, Game Officials, OMHA Officials, Instructors, Association Officials, Team Officials and Volunteers.

**“Association”** means any Centre, Zone, Group or League, as those terms are defined in the OMHA Regulations.

**“Association Officials”** means any member of the board of directors, officers, executive and staff (including interns) of an Association.

**“Fully Vaccinated”** means fourteen (14) days after an individual has received a completed series of an Accepted COVID-19 Vaccine.

**“Game Officials”** means any referee, linesperson, timekeeper, or other person engaged in officiating a hockey game as may be designated by the OMHA.

**“Instructor”** means any person engaged by an Association or Team to provide specialized instruction (e.g., power skating, goaltending coaching) to players, who is not registered to any Association.

**“OMHA”** means Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

**“OMHA Official”** means any member of the board of directors, officers, executive and staff (including interns) of the OMHA.

**“Participant”** or **“participant”** means any person registered to the OMHA through any Association or Team, including the parents or legal guardians of any minor aged participant.

“**Sanctioned Activity**” means any game, tournament, on-ice practice, off-ice training, or any other activity involving hockey players and Team Officials that is approved by the OMHA or any Association, the Ontario Hockey Federation (or any of its member organizations) or Hockey Canada (or any of its member organizations).

“**Team**” means any group of certified Team Officials and rostered hockey players, who are qualified in a division and category under the OMHA Regulations, who have gathered for a Sanctioned Activity, including any Instructors, Volunteers or Association Officials.

“**Team Official**” means any person involved in the management of a Team and includes the coach, trainer, manager and any assistant coach or assistant trainer.

“**Vaccine-Eligible Player**” means any player born in 2009 or earlier.

“**Volunteer**” means any person registered by the OMHA or Association as a volunteer.

## 1. Policy Statement

The OMHA requires that all **Affected Persons** be Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19, in accordance with the remainder of this policy, as a condition of participating in any Sanctioned Activities during the 2021-22 hockey season. At present, this policy does not apply to hockey players born after 2009 or hockey spectators.

Public health guidance on measures for fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and unvaccinated individuals continue to evolve and may affect this policy in the future. The OMHA reserves the right to amend this policy in response to any new guidance received from or regulations passed by federal, provincial and local public health and governmental authorities in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, this policy only applies to Associations, Teams and participants who are members of, or who are registered with, the OMHA. It is not intended to apply to teams and participants of any minor hockey associations operating outside of the OMHA, even if they are participating in any OMHA Sanctioned Activity (e.g.: tournaments/exhibition games). This policy is also not intended to limit any OMHA Teams from participating in sanctioned hockey events and activities in any other hockey jurisdiction outside the OMHA that may be governed by a different vaccination policy.

This policy is effective immediately, with due regard for the availability of Accepted COVID-19 vaccines.

## 2. Reason for Policy

The health and safety of all Participants is the top priority of the OMHA. The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of all participants by reducing the risk of exposure to and transmission of COVID-19, an infectious communicable disease, among all persons involved in the OMHA, and to promote the health and safety of all members of the OMHA community, through vaccinations against COVID-19.

This policy is necessary to prevent, respond to, and alleviate any outbreak of COVID-19 in the OMHA because of the significant risk factors for COVID-19 infection that are present while participating in an organized hockey setting as a player and non-player, both on and off the ice. These risk factors include close contact in predominantly indoor closed-space environments (e.g.: arenas, dressing rooms, etc.).

The close contact nature of organized hockey makes compliance with social distancing impossible in certain circumstances and reduces the effectiveness of other infectious disease transmission protocols such as masking.

### 3. Affected Persons

This policy applies to the following Affected Persons, which includes the following persons:

- Players born in 2009 or earlier
- Team Officials (Coaches, Trainers and Managers, etc.)
- Game Officials (referees, linespersons, timekeepers, etc.)
- Association Officials (minor hockey association directors, officers, executive and staff)
- OMHA Officials (directors, officers, executive and staff, including hockey development personnel)
- Volunteers
- Instructors (third parties engaged by Associations or Teams to provide specialized instruction (e.g., power skating, goaltending coaching))

At present, this policy does not apply to hockey players born in 2010 or later, or to hockey spectators.

### 4. Vaccination Requirement & Records

All Affected Persons are required to be Fully Vaccinated (i.e.: including the 14-day period after receiving their completed dose) by **October 31, 2021 or earlier**. All Affected Persons must present to their Association designate, as applicable, evidence satisfactory to the OMHA demonstrating that they have received the completed series of an Accepted COVID-19 Vaccine.

### 5. Acceptable Vaccines

The OMHA recognizes all vaccines approved by Health Canada. All Affected Persons will be required to confirm they are vaccinated regardless of which approved vaccine they receive.

### 6. Acceptable Documentation

Acceptable documents serving as evidence of COVID-19 vaccination include:

- A digital or physical Dose Administration Receipt.
- Medical records signed by a licensed health care provider indicating vaccine name and date(s) of administration.
- Government verification/language (e.g. Government issued vaccine passport or card)

### 7. Accommodation

The OMHA will comply with the [Ontario Human Rights Code \(OHRC\)](#) and provide an accommodation to any Affected Person who is unable to be vaccinated for substantiated medical reasons and/or on such other grounds protected under the OHRC, unless such an accommodation cannot be made without inflicting undue hardship on other Affected Persons.



If an Affected Person cannot provide the OMHA or their Association with satisfactory evidence of vaccination, the following will be taken into consideration by the OMHA:

- The Affected Person's reason for not being vaccinated; and
- Documentation to substantiate a medical or protected ground reason for not being vaccinated.

Any Affected Person requiring accommodation must provide the OMHA with documentation to substantiate their reason for not being vaccinated. Where accommodation is not possible without undue hardship to other Affected Persons, the Affected Person will not be permitted to be involved in any Sanctioned Activity for the duration of the pandemic or until such time that COVID-19 no longer poses a significant public health risk.

The OMHA reserves the right to have accommodation medical documentation reviewed by an OMHA designated medical specialist and to make appropriate inquiries to verify the authenticity of any creed/religion-based claim for accommodation.

Any Affected Person who is granted accommodation must undergo regular COVID-19 testing and must provide evidence to their Association, as applicable, of a negative test taken not more than 72 hours prior to each Sanctioned Activity.

To begin the accommodation request process, please complete the application by visiting the following link: [Link to Accommodation Request](#)

## **8. Reporting & Record Keeping**

All Affected Persons need to provide proof to their Association designate who will record proof of vaccination. However, the Association will not be required to keep any medical records or vaccination receipts on file. The Association designate will simply be required to confirm that proof has been provided and record and maintain on file a list of all Affected Persons who have provided such proof. All applications requesting an accommodation under this policy shall be filed directly with the OMHA, as provided above.

All documentary records about COVID-19 accommodations for will only be collected, used, retained, or disclosed by the OMHA as may be necessary for legitimate operational purposes or as directed or requested by governmental authorities or as may be required by law.

Until no longer required, all records retained under this policy must be kept in a secure location to which access is provided to only a limited number of designated persons who are involved in administering this policy, and no others. Once an Affected Person's accommodation status has been verified and it is determined that there is no further need for the retention of such records, they shall be immediately destroyed in a secure manner.

## **9. Unvaccinated Affected Persons**

On **November 1, 2021**, any Affected Person not Fully Vaccinated (i.e.: including the 14-day period after receiving their completed dose) or has not been granted an accommodation in accordance with Section 7, will no longer be eligible to participate in any Sanctioned Activities until such time as they have presented satisfactory evidence that they have been Fully Vaccinated or been granted an accommodation.

## **10. Players born in 2010 or later**

At the present time, no COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved for use by Health Canada for children born in 2010 or later. However, once a COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for such persons, the OMHA will re-evaluate this policy and consider extending the definition of Vaccine-Eligible Players to include players born in those years.

## **11. Spectators**

This policy does not presently apply to hockey spectators, including the parents or guardians of players. However, taking into consideration the severity of COVID-19 cases within the OMHA's jurisdiction and any new guidance received or regulations passed by federal, provincial and local public health and governmental authorities, Hockey Canada and the Ontario Hockey Federation, the OMHA reserves the right to extend this policy to encompass spectators attending Sanctioned Activities.

It should also be noted that individual owners/operators of arenas and facilities used by the OMHA or any Association or Team, may impose their own vaccination requirements for hockey spectators.

All spectators 12 years of age and older are required to provide proof of vaccination when entering the facility.

Participants of youth sport under the age of 18 are not required to provide proof of vaccination when entering the facility for a scheduled activity

Proof of vaccination, Ontario Regulation 364/20  
For more information, visit [Ontario.ca/COVID19](https://www.ontario.ca/COVID19)

Coaches, officials and volunteers associated with youth sport are required to provide proof of vaccination, as per Peterborough Public Health direction

Peterborough Public Health letter of instruction, September 17, 2021



**RETURN <sup>to</sup> HOCKEY**

COVID-19 RESPONSE

# Return to Hockey Framework

2021/2022 Hockey Season  
Updated: August 27, 2021



## SECTION 1

# Purpose

The Ontario Hockey Federation has worked in conjunction with Hockey Canada, the National Sport Organization (NSO) for hockey, and the Ontario Government as one of its recognized Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) to ensure that in every phase of our return the safety of our Players, Coaches, Officials, Administrators and Volunteers are at the center of our plan and decision making. This plan focuses on making the return to traditional hockey the primary focus while ensuring a great experience in situations where we are not back to normal. This document is used for the purposes of the Ontario Hockey Federation only and does not make assertion to hockey programming that falls outside of its jurisdiction.

## SECTION 2

# Disclaimer

The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. The Ontario Hockey Federation and its Members make no representation and assume no responsibility in respect of their information concerning COVID-19 as the circumstances are constantly changing, and any information on COVID-19 should be obtained from your Public Health Authority.

## SECTION 3

# Framework for Return to Hockey

The impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak have been felt across Ontario, by families, workers, businesses, and communities. Our hockey family has also felt the impacts of this during the 2020-2021 season where traditional hockey was limited to a few areas of the OHF and only for short periods of time, while many of our participants were not able to participate in traditional hockey programming if any hockey at all.

While the COVID-19 Pandemic is still evolving, the OHF continues to work with its partners to prepare for a return to traditional programming for the 2021-2022 season with the necessary measures in response to COVID-19.

Our plan to return recognizes that hockey must comply with the Government requirements but that to the best of our ability the focus is on traditional hockey operating from the beginning of the season. Ontario has transferred its platform to the Roadmap to Reopen Ontario which is comprised of three steps.

### OHF Stage 1 - Ontario Government Step 1

No indoor sport programming allowed under the government regulations in Step 1.

### OHF Stage 2 - Ontario Government Step 2

No indoor sport programming allowed under the government regulations in Step 2

### OHF Stage 3 - Ontario Government Step 3

OHF Stage 3 programming for Minor Hockey will begin on September 7 in accordance with the OHF Regulations adopted by the OHF Members. Junior, Senior and Female programming is eligible to begin in accordance with the date established by the Member responsible.

### In-Person Training

Instructional Training – Individual athlete training on or off ice sanctioned by the OHF with numbers of participants based on the Ontario Government and Public Health restrictions

- OHF Members may conduct programming with the use of an instructor who meets the qualifications under the

OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program Policy.

- Minor Hockey Associations may conduct, with the approval of their Member, instructional training for players registered with their MHA, where such training is conducted by a registered coach with the MHA.
- In process and fully licensed Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialists who are in compliance with the OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program Policy may conduct training.
- If utilizing a private skills instructor or is a registered coach with the MHA; MHAs will need to validate that the skills instructor qualifies under the OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program Policy.
- Junior hockey teams may conduct programming with the approval of their Member for players that they have registered or any players that are on their protected list and eligible players that have received their Permission to Skate from their last carded Team either from the 2020-2021 season if they registered or the 2019-2020 season if they weren't registered for 2020-2021.

### Virtual Training

Sport Science – sleep, nutrition, fitness, training, dance, flexibility, yoga, mental training and mental health.

- Such programming that is being offered will be done with approval of the OHF or Member for the purpose of sanctioning and insurance.

### Professional Development

Training of stakeholders online or in person in compliance with the Ontario Government's Roadmap to Reopen Ontario and OHF policies.

- [OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program](#)
- Gender Identity and Expression
- Hockey Canada Safety Program/Hockey Trainers Certification Program
- Officials On-Line Recertification
- Respect-In-Sport
- Hockey University – Planning a Safe Return
- Etc.

### Tryouts, Team Practices and Games

- Based on OHF Playing Regulations posted at <https://www.ohf.on.ca/rules/by-laws-and-policies>.

## OHF Stage 4 - Ontario Government Exiting Step 3

OHF Stage 4 programming is the same as OHF Stage 3 programming. The only changes in programming will be determined by fewer restrictions within facilities as determined by the Ontario Government, Public Health Units and Municipalities.



OHF STAGE	ONTARIO GOV. STAGE	OUTLINE	PLAYER CONTACT	# OF PARTICIPANTS	STRUCTURE	TRAVEL
STAGE 1	Step 1	No programming allowed.				
STAGE 2	Step 2	No programming allowed				
STAGE 3	Step 3	Traditional Hockey  Regular Practice and games  Bench is considered field play  Dressing room use minimized, masks and distancing  Coaches must wear masks on the Bench	Full contact allowed	Max participants (players & coaches) on-ice in accordance with PHU, municipality or facility; if more restrictive than Ontario government Step 3 which is based on building fire code	MHA/ Leagues/ Teams  Regular Programming	Within Canada unless approved otherwise by your Member, on application
STAGE 4	Step 3 Exit	Masking required except when in participation of sport programming.  Coaches must wear mask on the Bench	Full contact allowed	Based on PHU, municipality or facility requirements	MHA/ Leagues/ Teams  Regular Programming	Within Canada unless approved otherwise by your Member, on application

If crossing Public Health Unit boundaries or municipal boundaries, teams must comply with the regulations of the Public Health Unit or Municipality they are participating in. Minor Hockey Associations are responsible to inform incoming Teams of the requirements within the facilities the game is being played.

## SECTION 4

# Facilities

Public and Private facilities that are providing training to hockey need to ensure that they maintain their own insurance on their facility and are in compliance with the Ministry of Labour Protocols and those protocols specific to the Ontario Government's Roadmap to Reopen.

All hockey programming providers that are sanctioned by the Provincial Sport Organizations in Ontario will:

- be listed on the OHF website and will be able to present a Hockey Canada Insurance Certificate.
- be required to complete a tracking document of participation use and an ice surface by ice surface training attendance form;
- each MHA/Club must have a Safety Plan as set out below; and
- be required to have a COVID-19 Contact Person.

Facilities are directed to utilize the information provided by the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA) as an industry standard material: [ORFA Recreation Facility COVID-19 Reentering and Reopening](#).

### MHA facilities procedures meeting

Facility Entrance - Entrance to Arena is based on facility plan and all sport groups collectively are required to have a meeting with the facility based on the following agenda.

- Parking Lot Entrance
- Entrance Doors
- Entrance Process
- Entrance Time
- Changing of equipment location process
- Dropping off Minor participants – Parents/Attendance – number of attendees permitted to support and watch
- Conduct of Parents in the stands (i.e. food and beverage maintaining facility cleanliness). Items allowed in the facility (bags, food, and beverage)

#### Other Facility Specific Issues

- Tenant Dressing Room Requirements must be dealt with through a meeting with facility to determine contractual agreements on responsibilities
- Elite hockey rental requirements (i.e. longer break if require warmups)
- Plan for longer Ice-times rental
- Warming up within the facility

#### Reporting of incidents of injury or COVID-19 to facility personnel

- Until a standardized form is approved with all facilities the form that is provided by the facility will be the required form.

## Equipment Storage

- Each rink will have to determine private storage requirements and if applicable should be part of your meeting agendas.

## Safety Plan

Each Minor Hockey Association (Minor, Junior, Senior Hockey Club, Female Hockey Association), as a result of their meeting with their facilities in accordance with “O. Reg. 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step”, paragraph 3.3, indicates each business operating a facility for the purpose of indoor and outdoor sport is required to develop a Safety Plan. The facilities all have a requirement to develop a Safety Plan for their operations but in addition facilities will be looking for the users of the facility to have their own Safety Plan in writing that outlines the following:

- The safety plan shall describe the measures and procedures which have been implemented or will be implemented in the business to reduce the transmission risk of COVID-19.
- The safety plan shall describe how the requirements of Regulation 364/20 will be implemented in the location including by screening, physical distancing, masks or face coverings, the wearing of personal protective equipment and preventing and controlling crowding.
- For facilities offering indoor sport, the safety plan shall also include information as to how the facility, place or event will,
  - o prevent gatherings and crowds in the business or place or at the event;
  - o ensure that section 3.2 of this Schedule is complied with in the business or place or at the event; and
  - o mitigate the risk of any interactive activities, exhibits or games that may be included in the business or place or at the event.

## MHA/Club Responsibility for incoming teams

Minor Hockey Associations and Clubs are responsible to ensure that incoming teams from outside of their Public Health Unit or Municipality are provided and aware of the internal requirements they must follow for participation in the home Teams facility. This may include but is not limited to the above safety plan and any safety plans and regulations of the PHU, Municipality or facility.

## Recommendations for MHA/Clubs Around Programming

- Teams should Minimize pre- and post- activity gathering time; participants should only arrive before the beginning of the activity and should leave immediately following.
- Parents should limit the gathering time and numbers of people.
- Carpooling to and from programming should be minimized and if carpooling is required that individuals should be masked.

## SECTION 5

# Vaccination Position

The Ontario Hockey Federation's (OHF) priority is the health and safety of our hockey community which includes all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, staff, families and fans.

Looking ahead to the upcoming season, the OHF requests that all eligible players, coaches, officials, volunteers, staff, families and fans consider getting vaccinated, guided by information from health officials including Health Canada and Public Health Ontario.

## Return to Sport after a confirmed instance of COVID-19 in Hockey

The Ontario Hockey Federation feels that the protocols that have been established Nationally, by our Members, the local associations and the OHF will reduce the chance of transmission within our programming. The OHF also recognizes that there is an aspect of inevitability that an athlete or coach within our programming will at some point have a confirmed positive case of COVID 19 and as such protocols are required for this instance.

### If anyone becomes ill at a hockey, they will:

- be immediately separated from others, in a separate room if possible, until they can go home
- be provided with a medical mask
- continue to be supervised according to the local hockey associations usual policy
- be asked to maintain physical distancing
- be unable to take team or public transportation

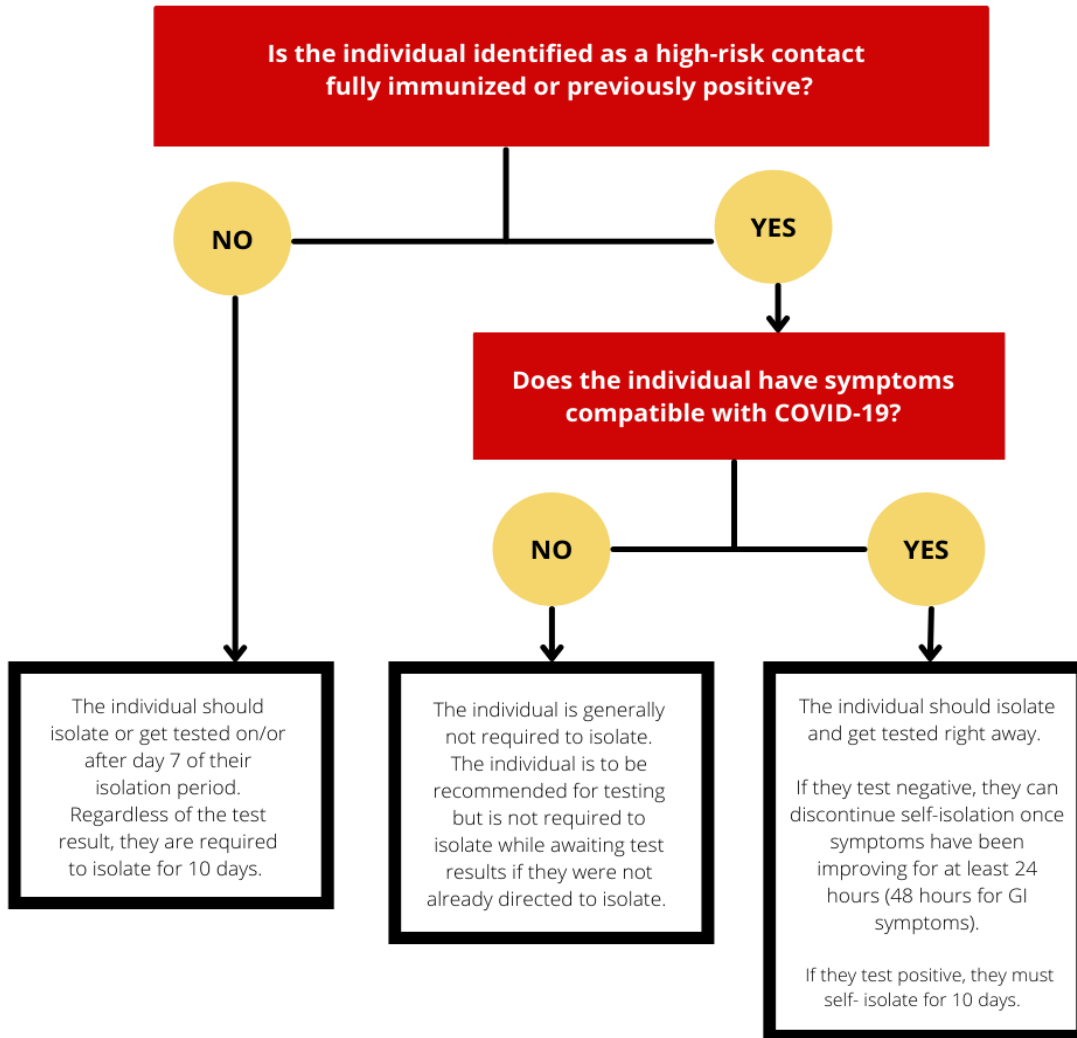
### If your child becomes ill at hockey, they must go home;

- the team or local hockey association will contact you and you'll need to arrange for them to get home, in a way that does not include public transportation.
- we encourage you to have a plan for this ahead of time. you should consult their health care provider.
- they may recommend your child [get tested for covid-19](#).
- if you or your child are tested for covid-19, [it's easy to get the results](#).

If a COVID-19 case is confirmed at hockey; the local public health unit will determine what happens and based on that direction the following flow charts will govern the Return to Programming.

## Flow Chart 1: Case and Contact Management in Hockey for High-Risk Contact

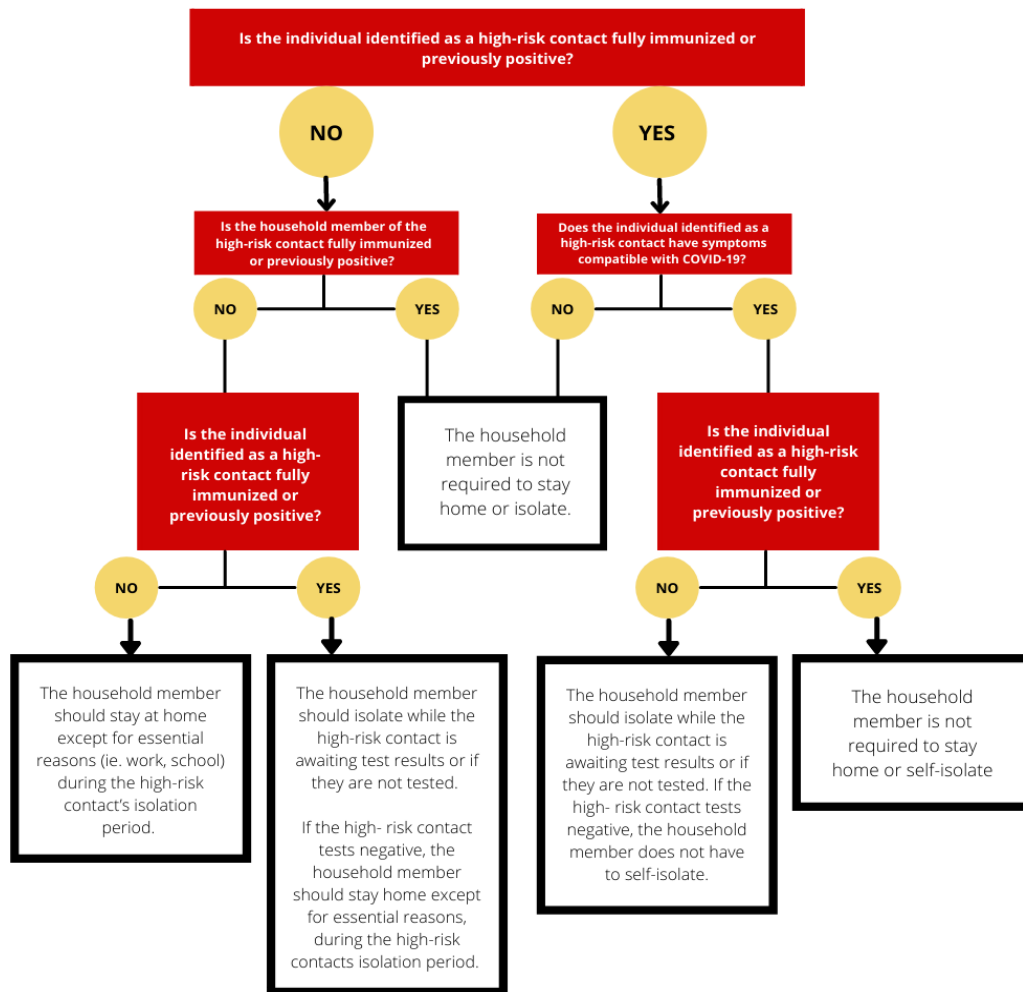
Adapted from Appendix 11 of *Management of Cases and Contacts Of COVID-19 in Ontario by the Government of Ontario*



For the purposes of case/contact/outbreak management, an individual is defined as fully immunized  $\geq 14$  days after receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series that is listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization or approved by Health Canada. Individuals who are immunocompromised are excluded from this definition, in accordance with COVID-19 Fully Immunized and Previously Positive Individuals: Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance. For the purposes of case/contact/outbreak management, an individual is defined as previously positive if they were a confirmed case of COVID-19 where their initial positive result was  $\leq 90$  days ago AND they have been cleared from their initial infection. Individuals who are immunocompromised are excluded from this definition, in accordance with COVID-19 Fully Immunized and Previously Positive Individuals: Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance.

## Flow Chart 2: Case and Contact Management in Hockey for Household Members of High-Risk Contacts

Adapted from Appendix 11 of [Management of Cases and Contacts Of COVID-19 in Ontario by the Government of Ontario](#)



For the purposes of case/contact/outbreak management, an individual is defined as fully immunized  $\geq 14$  days after receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series that is listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization or approved by Health Canada. Individuals who are immunocompromised are excluded from this definition, in accordance with COVID-19 Fully Immunized and Previously Positive Individuals: Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance. For the purposes of case/contact/outbreak management, an individual is defined as previously positive if they were a confirmed case of COVID-19 where their initial positive result was  $\leq 90$  days ago AND they have been cleared from their initial infection. Individuals who are immunocompromised are excluded from this definition, in accordance with COVID-19 Fully Immunized and Previously Positive Individuals: Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance.

## Covid-19 incident reporting

The following processes have been identified for incident reporting in the case that a participant has tested positive for COVID-19.

If a participant tests positive, Public Health will automatically be notified by the entity that conducted the testing. Public Health will be in contact with the individual to facilitate contact tracing, at this time Public Health will inform teammates and coaches through the contact tracing process.

It is recommended that the participant or the participant's guardian informs their coaches and teammates, however, they cannot be compelled to do so.

Participant Tests Positive and is Willing to Disclose Information:

If the participant chooses to advise their coach, the coach should ask the participant to contact Public Health and give Public Health permission to discuss the matter with the coach. If the participant agrees to do that, the coach can then seek guidance directly from Public Health.

Participant Tests Positive and is Unwilling to Disclose Information:

If the coach becomes aware of a positive test among their players, but does not know the identity of the player, or if the player does not give the coach permission to discuss the matter with Public Health, the coach can still contact Public Health to try to obtain general advice.

The coach should also discuss the matter with the relevant hockey association or Member (not revealing the participant's name if they are aware of who has tested positive) to decide on a course of action with regard to future team activities.

SECTION 6

# Certificate of Insurance

The following validation process will be put in place to ensure that each group or individual operating meets OHF standards that focuses on athlete safety.

This certificate is issued to Junior Teams, Local Hockey Associations and Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialists under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Hockey Federation. The approved bearer of this certificate is compliant with both the OHF Return to Hockey Framework and the Hockey Canada Safety Guidelines.

Facilities will be able to verify OHF programming based on the Certificate of Insurance.

Certification of Insurance: Each organization will be required to have a valid Certificate of Insurance present with them for any hockey activities.



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Certificate of Insurance			No: ABC-12345	
This is to certify to: <b>MHANGSI</b>				
Address: <b>1 Hockey Dr, Hockeyville ON A1A 2B2</b>				
that the following described policy(ies) or cover note(s) in force at this date have been affected to cover as shown below:				
Named insured: <b>HOCKEY CANADA</b>				
Address: <b>2451 Promenade Riverside Drive, Ottawa ON K1N7X7</b>				
and: <b>ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION</b>				
400 Sheldon Drive, Unit 3, Cambridge ON N1T 2H9				
and: <b>HOCKEY CANADA SKILLS INSTRUCTOR/IBHA</b>				
Description of operations and/or activities and/or locations to which this certificate applies:				
<b>PROOF OF INSURANCE: Activity: Only Hockey Canada members are covered.</b>				
<b>LOCATION(S): 1 Hockey Dr, Hockeyville ON A1A 2B2.</b>				
<b>DATE(S): July 1th, 2020 to August 31st, 2020</b>				
Type of insurance	Insurer	Policy no.	Policy period	Limits of insurance (Canadian funds)
ADDITIONAL COVERAGES:				
IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES ARE ADDED TO THE POLICY AS ADDITIONAL INSURED BUT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE NAMED INSURED DESCRIBED ABOVE. THIS CERTIFICATE APPLIES TO THE MEMBERS AND AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE INSURED WHILE OPERATING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR DUTIES.				

This certificate is subject to all the limitations, exclusions and conditions of the above-listed policy(ies) as they now exist or may hereafter be endorsed.

**BFL CANADA Risk and Insurance Inc.**

Signed in Montreal this **February 20th, 2020**

Authorized Representative

Correspondants in the USA and the West - International Insurance Brokers

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## SECTION 7

# Chief Medical Officer

**Mandate:**

The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey is responsible for providing the Provincial Sport Organizations (being the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO), Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO) and Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) hereinafter referred to as the PSOs), Boards and staff with medical advice and comprehension regarding decisions and the impact of those decisions due to COVID-19 and the direction from the Ontario Government and Public Health Authorities.

**Key Duties:**

- Act as the medical consultant for the PSOs in respect of COVID-19 with the mandate to abide by the Ontario Government and Public Health.
- Act as the medical consultant for the individual PSOs in respect of COVID-19 if the Ontario Government opens regionally.
- Maintain professional status and be in good standing with their respective licensing College.
- Be the medical spokesperson for the PSOs.
- Advise the PSOs on risk management issues especially with respect to medical issues.
- Advise the PSOs on research projects and issues especially with respect to medical issues.
- Advise the PSOs on event sanctioning.
- Act as a consultant for international tournaments held in the PSOs jurisdiction.
- Act as a liaison with the Hockey Canada Chief Medical Officer concerning medical issues.
- Such additional duties as may be delegated to the Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey by the PSOs from time to time

**Authority:**

The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey, will exercise their authority as set out by any Hockey Canada or PSO regulation or in accordance with this job description.

**Appointment:**

For the role of Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey there will be a short canvassing period of the PSO's Boards and OHF Members Boards for potential candidates. Based on the potential candidates the Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey shall be appointed by the PSOs Chairs of the Board, in consultation with the CEO/EDs, for a one-year term that is renewable. The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey has no voting rights.

**Meetings:**

The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey will attend meetings in person and via conference call, via invitation from any of the PSO's Chair of the Boards. The PSO's members must obtain the approval of their respective PSO Chair of the Board before making any such invitations.

**Resources:**

The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey will receive the necessary resources from the PSOs, to the extent approved in the annual budget, to fulfill their mandate. They will also receive the necessary administrative support from the PSOs office.

**Reporting:**

The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey will report to the PSO's Board as required and to the CEO/ED.

**Requirements:**

The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey will be licensed to practice as a Physician in the Province of Ontario. Experience as a Sport Medicine Physician and membership in CASEM will be considered an asset.

**Remuneration:**

The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey is a volunteer role with no remuneration except for expenses related to the attendance of meetings for the purpose of this role and other expenses as determined by the PSOs.

**Insurance Coverage:**

The Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey will fall within the Hockey Canada Insurance program including the Directors and Officers Insurance for the activities of the Chief Medical Officer Ontario Hockey related to this specific role.

**REGIONAL CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

If it is determined that we require Regional Chief Medical Officers to support implementation as we continue to proceed through the OHF Return to Hockey Framework, they will be appointed at that time.

SECTION 8

# Stakeholder Requirements

The following chart outlines the requirements that individuals in different leadership positions must have in order to train, support and/or coach registered hockey players in the OHF.

	Coach	Trainer	Team Manager	On-Ice Volunteer	Skills Instructor	On-Ice Official
CAC Training/ Certification	☑					
OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program					☑	
Trainers Program		☑				
HCOP						☑
Rowan's Law	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
VSS/CRC	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Gender Identity and Expression	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	
Respect in Sport- Activity Leader	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Hockey Canada COVID-19 Safety Program (only individuals who have not taken)	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑

SECTION 9

# Hockey Canada Safety Guidelines

- [Hygiene - Safety Protocols](#)
- [Positive Covid-19 Test in Hockey Environment](#)
- [Return to Hockey Procedures](#)

SECTION 10

# Appendix A

Ontario Government Resources

[Ontario Provincial Government COVID-19](#)

[Ontario Emergency Orders Step 1](#)

[Ontario Emergency Orders Step 2](#)

[Ontario Emergency Orders Step 3](#)

[Ontario Law and Safety](#)

Hockey Canada Resources

[Hockey Canada's Safety Guidelines](#)

OHF Resources

[OHF Screening Policy](#)

[OHF Code of Conduct](#)

[Recreation Facility Dressing Room Policy](#)

[Gender Identity Training](#)

[OHF Confidentiality Statement](#)

[OHF Confidentiality Implementation Manual](#)

[OHF Dressing Room Policy](#)

[OHF Dressing Room Implementation](#)

[Respect in Sport](#)

[OHF Harassment, Abuse & Bullying Policy](#)

[Dressing Room Supervision Policy](#)

[OHF Concussion Code of Conduct](#)

[Rowans Law Resources Ages 10 and under](#)

[Rowans Law Resources Ages 11 - 14](#)

[Rowans Law Resources Ages 15 and up](#)

[Hockey Canada Concussion Card](#)

[OHF Social Media Policy](#)

[OHF Helmet Policy](#)

[OHF Coach Policy](#)

[OHF Game Officials Code of Conduct](#)

[OHF Players Code of Conduct](#)

[OHF Team Officials Code of Conduct](#)

[OHF Volunteers Code of Conduct](#)

[OHF Policy on Body Checking in Tournaments](#)

[OHF Unsanctioned League Policy](#)

[Hockey Canada Accredited School Policy](#)

[OHF Tobacco Policy](#)

[OHF Billeting Policy](#)

[OHF Bus Policy](#)

[OHF Prohibited Use of Digital Device Policy](#)

[OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program Policy](#)

## SECTION 11

# Appendix B

## OHF Hockey Canada Licenses Skill Development Program

The Ontario Hockey Federation, in conjunction with Hockey Canada, the Ontario Provincial Sport Organizations (Hockey Eastern Ontario, Hockey Northern Ontario and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association), and its Members developed the OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program.

Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialists are qualified, skilled and capable of running the highest quality programs on the ice for Minor Hockey Associations (MHAs), Female Hockey Associations (FHAs) Coaches and Players. The certification process equips skills coaches to deliver approved curriculum as set out by Hockey Canada Development, Men's High Performance and Female High Performance and ensures all participants engaging in private skill development are covered by Hockey Canada insurance.

On completion of the certification process coaches will be considered a Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialist, which includes:

- Hockey Canada Certified Skills Instructor
- Hockey Canada Certified Goaltender Instructor
- Hockey Canada Subject Matter Expert/Skating Specific Instructor

Once certified, Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialists can then operate both individual and group skill development sessions, Hockey School / Day Camp (if not hockey only additional insurance rider may be required) and/or Coach Mentoring Sessions provided for sanctioned hockey associations.

### How to become certified

1. Please apply online by using the following links specific to your area of interest:
  - Skill Instructor
  - Goaltender Instructor
2. The OHF will then work with applicants to ensure they receive the following prerequisite training:
  - Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) or Criminal Record Check (CRC)
  - Respect in Sport – Activity Leader Course
  - Gender Identity and Expression Course
  - Rowan's Law Concussion Awareness and Acknowledgment Form

- Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program In-Process License Agreement
- 3. Following the completion of the Prerequisite Training, candidates will be provided with details to the online training course.
  - The first initial training sessions will include: Skills Analysis / Teaching Skills, Skating, Puck Control, Developing Defencemen, and Shooting and Scoring.
- 4. Post-Seminar Tasks will be issued following the completion of the online course.
- 5. Complete In-Person Training Weekend, which will consist of in-class and on-ice sessions.
- 6. Complete a Field Evaluation.

The total fee for the OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program is \$1500.00 + applicable taxes. This has been split into three equal payments of \$500.00 + applicable taxes.

### How to become licensed

1. Must have been certified as a Hockey Canada Certified Skills Instructor, Hockey Canada Certified Goaltender Instructor or a Hockey Canada Subject Matter Expert/Skating Specific Instructor.
2. The OHF will then work with applicants to ensure they receive the following prerequisite training:
  - Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) or Criminal Record Check (CRC)
  - Respect in Sport – Activity Leader Course
  - Gender Identity and Expression Course
  - Rowan’s Law Concussion Awareness and Acknowledgment Form
  - Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program License Agreement

The annual licensee fee for Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialist is \$1500.00 + applicable taxes.

### Benefits of becoming certified through the hockey canada licensed skills development program

- Full Hockey Canada / Member Insurance coverage
- Endorsement through the OHF and its Members
- Opportunity to attend National / Member training and certification
- Opportunity to deliver Hockey Canada and Member approved programming
- Opportunity for Professional Development webinars throughout the hockey season.
- Hockey Canada/ Member promotion on website under certified / licensed programs to MHA’s / Parents / Players
- Opportunity to be Skills Instructors at Member / Hockey Canada High Performance programs
- Opportunities to attend Hockey Canada / Member Professional Development Workshops
- Ability to market themselves to MHA’s / Coaches / Players in conjunction with Members and Hockey Canada



SECTION 12

# Appendix C

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR REFERENCE

[Session Participation and Health Screening Tracking](#)  
[Health Screening Questionnaire](#)