

KEY POINTS

- During the Initial month no dressing rooms to be used
- During the initial month no spectators to be allowed into the building
- SDMHA will prepare and manager tracking and provide copies to the Arena for Record Keeping
- Stage 1 will see the use of the ice by all teams U8 and above (Novice – Midget) depending on interest
- Stage 1 will require 17 ice slots twice per week
- Our Plan has been approved by OMHA (Sept 1/2020)
- We will provide Arena with Certificate of Insurance
- Our plans will follow recommendations by OMHA, OHF and Hockey Canada with respect to programming and game play at such time as game play is planned
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Stirling Minor Hockey

Return to Play Plan

Prior to returning to play the executive committee shall review the following documents:

1. Hockey Canada Return to Hockey Safety Guidelines
2. Hockey Canada RTH Safety Guidelines FAQ
3. OHF Return to Hockey Framework
4. Ontario Emergency Order
5. A Framework for Reopening our Province
6. Ontario Law and Safety

Return to Play Plan

- Stirling Minor Hockey shall assign one individual who will be responsible for implementation and monitoring of the association COVID-19 Return to Play Plan. This individual shall be referred to as the Covid-19 Implementation Manager "CIM".
- Stirling Minor Hockey Shall assign an alternate individual to act on behalf of the Implementation Manager in the event they are unable to perform there required duties.
- A meeting with Facility Managers to review this plan and any plans or protocols in-force by the respective arena facilities that will be in use by the association.

Team Staff Requirements

- Team Management (coach, Asst Coach, Trainer, Manager) shall be responsible for gathering responses from the players and or players guardians of the OHF "Health Screening Questionnaire" (HSQ)
- Once Complete the HSQ shall be placed in an envelope and label the envelope clearly with team name, date of collection and provided to the CIM.
- Team staff shall be responsible for temperature checks and gathering contact tracing information and the OHF Health Questionnaire.
- The team staff shall designate a member to be responsible for collecting and reporting to the CIM the OHF Questionnaire and Participant Tracking list.

Team Creation

Stage One

- Cohort/Bubble Players are to be grouped to a maximum of 50 or less depending on the guidelines established by the HPE Health Unit. Further direction will be gathered from the OHF and we will adjust according upon amendments by the Ontario Government.
- The number of 50 refers to players only. Bench Staff are not included in this cohort/bubble.

Stage Two

- Rostering Teams will be rostered to a maximum of 9 players + 1 goalie. Five (5) Team Officials can be rostered to each team, however, one Coach and one Trainer can be on the bench during 3v3 & 4v4 games in order to maintain physical distancing on bench.
- Representative Hockey During Stage 3, there will no Traditional Representative Hockey Leagues and no Team Tryouts.

Programming Suggestions

- Programming Models – Programming can be internal to an association or joint programming
- Internal Programming – Play within MHA; Tier players according to skill level to create cohort/bubble
- Joint Programming – a. Two (or more) small MHAs (same PHU) partner to provide programming due to small numbers (mixed) b. Two (or more) MHAs (same PHU) partner to play against each other – tiered/similar skills level

Arrival at the facility

Stage One (No Dressing Rooms)

- Team Officials will meet players at the entrance to the facility. Team staff are required to wear a mask while admitting the players and until they put their helmet on and step on the ice.
- Players shall arrive at the facility fully dressed ready to practice 10 minutes before the schedule ice time except for their skates, helmet and gloves.
- Players will be admitted to the facility as a group and moved toward the ice where they can put on their skates, helmet and gloves.
- Players shall wear a face covering up and until the point in which they put on their helmet and enter the ice surface in a designated surface entrance location
- Team staff shall usher players to the ice surface as a group.
- Team staff shall conduct the ice session in accordance with practice plans.
- At the completion of the ice time (50 Minute Hour) players and team staff shall exit the ice surface through designate door and remove helmets and replace facemasks and then remove skates.
- Once all players have removed their skates they will exit the facility by way of designated exit area.
- Players and Team Staff are reminded that time is of the essence and that players and team staff should exit the building as quickly as possible as the next group will not be permitted to enter the facility until the previous group has left the building.
- Team staff shall be responsible for enforcing physical distancing protocols on and off the ice.

Stage Two (Dressing Rooms)

- Team Officials will meet players at the entrance to the facility. Team staff are required to wear a mask while admitting the players and until they put their helmet on and step on the ice.
- Players shall arrive at the facility ready to practice 10 minutes before the schedule ice time.
- Players will be admitted to the facility as a group and moved toward a designated dressing room.

- Players shall sit in a designated dressing room station and stay 1 meter from the nearest player. There will be “x’s” marked on the floor as a guideline to possible seating locations.
- Players shall dress in their hockey gear and prepare to be escorted to the ice surface.
- Players will then be escorted by the team staff to the ice surface at the designated time.
- Players shall wear a face covering up and until the point in which they put on their helmet.
- Player shall wear a face mask in the dressing room or anywhere in the facility at all times if they are not wearing a helmet.
- Team staff shall usher players to the ice surface as a group.
- Team staff shall conduct the ice session in accordance with practice plans.
- At the completion of the ice time (50 Minute Hour) players and team staff shall exit the ice surface through designate door and return to the dressing room.
- Players shall remove helmets and put on a face covering.
- Players shall get undressed as quickly as possible as the room needs to be vacated within 10 minutes.
- Once all players have removed their equipment and packed up Team staff will escort the players to exit the facility by way of designated exit area.
- Players and Team Staff are reminded that time is of the essence and that players and team staff should exit the building as quickly as possible as the next group will not be permitted to enter the facility until the previous group has left the building.
- Team staff shall be responsible for enforcing physical distancing protocols on and off the ice.

Hygiene requirements

- Players and team staff are required to use the hand sanitizing stations located at the entrance to the facility.
- Players and team staff are required to have a face covering in place upon entry to the facility and shall remain in place until a helmet is put on. A face covering is required once the helmet is removed upon completion of the ice session.

Physical Distancing

- benches will require physical distancing of players;
- ice surface size needs to be taken into account to determine number of players on the ice and
- the impact on rules for No Physical Contact (smaller ice less players);
- change rooms require physical distancing;
- cleaning requirements of permanent structures by the facility including change rooms, benches and penalty boxes between games; and coaches and trainers impact on physical distancing.

Parents and Guardians (spectators) at the facility

Stage One

- At this time Parents and or guardians will not be permitted to enter the facility.

Stage Two

- Parents and guardians may be permitted to enter the facility but will be restricted to one parent per player.
- Parent / Guardian spectators shall watch the ice session from designated Spectator viewing areas as provided and approved by the facility
- Parents/guardians shall wear a face covering at all times while in the facility.
- Parents / guardians shall maintain physical distancing from other spectators at all times.

Departure from Facility

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- Once all players have removed their helmets, skates and gloves they will exit the facility by way of designated exit area as a group.
- Players and Team Staff are reminded that time is of the essence and that players and team staff should exit the building as quickly as possible as the next group will not be permitted to enter the facility until the previous group has left the building.
- Team staff shall be responsible for enforcing physical distancing protocols on and off the ice.

Stage Two (Dressing Rooms)

- At the completion of the ice time (50 Minute Hour) players and team staff shall exit the ice surface through designate door and return to the dressing room.
- Players shall remove helmets and put on a face covering.
- Players shall get undressed as quickly as possible as the room needs to be vacated within 10 minutes.
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Participant screening

- Players and team staff shall complete the OHF Health Questionnaire and provide a copy each time they are on the ice the a designated member of the team staff.
- Players and team staff may verbally report their health status update after the initial session to the designated member of the team staff

Registration and Collection of Fees

- As the planning and implementation of the 2020/21 hockey season will be continuously monitored and updated to reflect available options for players and families it is imperative that fees be collected on the basis of the level of services being provided by SDMHA on an ongoing basis.
- It is felt that collecting fees on a per session basis is most appropriate for the time being. Each session will last approximately a month and the costs established will be for the particular month. The initial month a player participates the HC & OHF and OMHA insurance fees will be in addition to the cost of the individual session.
- Players signing up for additional sessions will not be required to pay the HC & OHF and OMHA insurance fees as these fees are collected on a one time basis.

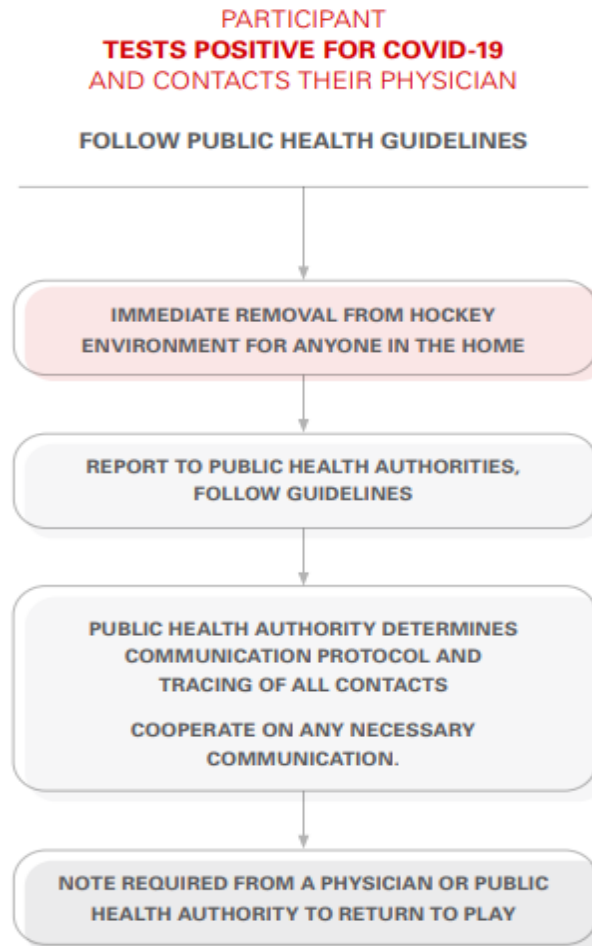
Positive Test Direction (as per Hockey Canada Guideline)

Positive COVID-19 Test in Hockey Environment

Important!

If a sick participant (or their parent/guardian if the participant is a minor) elects to inform a team/hockey association/Member that they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual informed shall seek the sick participant/their parent's/guardian's consent to contact public health authorities in order to obtain advice on communication with other potentially impacted participants. The sick participant (or their parent/guardian if the participant is a minor) should be asked to advise Public Health of this consent.

Explain the communication that will take place and **NEVER** disclose the sick person's name.



In Canada, the management of public health crises is a matter involving close coordination between all levels of government. There is therefore a variety of public and private sector privacy legislation at the federal, provincial and territorial levels that govern the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. There are provincial and territorial privacy authorities that oversee compliance with the [privacy legislation](#) at the federal, provincial and territorial levels that govern the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. There are provincial and territorial privacy authorities that oversee compliance with the privacy legislation in their respective jurisdictions, and some have [published their own statements](#) relevant to the matter of COVID-19.

- It is the responsibility of the CIM to obtain the consent of the parent / guardian in writing before releasing any information or contact is made to the health unit.

