



Covid-19 Red-Level Protocols

The following is a summary of what you are responsible for, with regard to getting your players into and out of the arena safely, and in accordance with all protocols from the City of Barrie, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, OWHA and BWA. The information below has been extracted from the BWA's Return to Hockey Plan in order to provide quick reference to the protocols and procedures that team officials will need to frequently reference. This document is not a substitution for the full Return to Hockey Plan, which all team officials should familiarize themselves with.

Arriving at the Rink

- Players and volunteers must wear masks from the second they exit their vehicle upon arriving at the arena.
- There should be no gathering in groups outside the arenas, physical distancing must be maintained at all times. Physical contact between players (i.e. hugs, handshakes, wrestling or horseplay) is not permitted.
- Parents should avoid all of the same protocols while on City of Barrie property – social distancing must be maintained.

Pre-Entry Covid-19 Health Check Screening:

- **Each development group shall provide an identified BWA volunteer, who will act as the designated individual for the purposes of controlling entry into all facility. This individual will verify Covid-19 Health Check screenings have been completed and will control all access. Players and volunteers must not enter the facility until advised by the individual managing the entry process.**
- The RAMP Team App is now our official tool for managing Covid-19 Screening Questions. Links to download and instructions on how to use were sent to all members,
- Team coaches and managers have been sent links, logins, and instructions to be able to view the live list of who has submitted Covid-19 Health Check screenings for each practice.
- FOR THE FIRST WEEK ONLY: please have some back-up paper versions of our previously used BWA Facility Entry Screening Document in case anyone has difficulty with the RAMP Team App. You can download these forms at www.BWA.ca – Player Health & Safety section, Covid-19 Protocols.

Team Attendance Tracker

- In addition to verifying Covid-19 Health Check screenings, teams must also complete a team attendance tracker before entering the facility. This should be pre-filled in with the information for the players and volunteers who will be attending the practice. Cross off any players and/or volunteers who do not attend.
- Your attendance sheet MUST show exactly who is in the arena during the ice time allocated. (This includes guardians going in to tie skates that leave immediately after skates are done)
- FOR CITY OF BARRIE ARENAS: Once everyone is confirmed, take picture of the Team Attendance Tracker for your own records, and submit the original copy to the City of Barrie staff member managing arena entry.
- Your COVID-19 contact person that was assigned will receive an email from the BWA office with the scanned copy that was handed in.

For Nottawasaga And National Training Rinks (NTR) Practices:

- All players must still complete the Covid-19 Health Check on the RAMP Team App.
- Additionally, you will be sent links to complete the e-waivers which must be filled out by every player and volunteer prior to each activity at these facilities.
- You will not be required to turn in your Team Attendance Tracker at these buildings, however you must send a scan of your completed sheet to info@bwha.ca (we must keep these on file for 1 year).

Facility Entry Protocols

- Non-Participants will not be permitted entry into any facility where a BWA activity is taking place – including spectators.
- Ensure social distancing at all times, on and off the ice. If you see players or volunteers not adhering to the protocols, please correct them as quickly as possible. Arena staff will be monitoring all activities. There should be zero tolerance for breaking protocols – players and/or volunteers can be asked to leave at any time.
- Washrooms are for EMERGENCIES only - players cannot go congregate together.
- There is no access to the Water fountains, please ensure the girls come with a full, clearly labelled water bottle.
- Participants will always follow all protocols provided by the Facility Operator, including entering and/or exiting facilities, and spaces inside, only through designated/controlled doors, and following any directional markings or arrows on walls, floor or doors and respecting where one-way traffic has been identified.

Pre-Activity Facility Protocols

- Participants will be permitted to enter the facility only 15 minutes ahead of the start of their activity.
- Participants will be escorted from the designated entrance to the area where their activity will take place (i.e. the rink) by their coach or other designated Group/BWA volunteer.
- Dressing Rooms will not be provided. Participants should arrive fully dressed with the exception of helmets, gloves and skates – and pads for goalies.
- MASKS must be worn until they are ready to go on the ice. If players put their helmets on early, masks should remain on until just before taking the ice. Players are not permitted to put their helmets on first and think they can sit there without a mask.
- Team volunteers and trainers are to remain 6 ft apart from all players and coaches UNLESS there is a need to attend to a player then as always wear your masks and gloves. Once participants are dressed and ready for their activity, they must remain seated until it is time to take the ice.

On-Ice Protocols

- Only 10 players and 2 coaches are permitted on the ice. A further 2 volunteers (one of which is the trainer) may be rink side during practices.
- Participants will only engage in activities which are in accordance with provincial standards requiring physical distancing and approved play.
- ALL drills must be individual - skill based, with the focus on skating, puck control, passing and shooting.
- NO battles drills, 1on1's, 2on2's, 3on3's, small area games or scrimmages are permitted.
- Player benches may not be used unless at this time.
- NO sharing of water bottles, towels, etc.

Post-Activity Facility Protocols

- Following the completion of their hockey activity, Participants will exit the ice immediately to the same designated area they were prior to the activity.
- Dressing Rooms will not be provided. Participants should remove helmets, gloves and skates – and pads for goalies – as quickly as possible, in their designated area.
- When players are changed and ready to exit the facility, they must remain seated in their designated areas until directed by team volunteers to exit the building.
- The entire group will exit together, only once the next group has taken the ice, and when directed by a team volunteer.

BWHA Participant - Health & Safety Protocols

When a participant becomes unwell / shows symptoms of COVID-19

- a) If a participant becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, or if someone is aware of a participant that becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, that participant must immediately stop participation in hockey activities. If applicable, a BWHA volunteer or facility staff, will be assigned to supervise the participant.
- b) The identified BWHA volunteer or facility staff must isolate the participant from all others, in a well-ventilated area, or outside and ensure use of a non-medical face mask, if one is available. Where possible, everyone should maintain a distance of 2 metres from the ill participant.
- c) The participant who was isolated, will be required to go home and follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing. The identified staff, or delegate, may be required to assist with contacting parent/guardian, as well as providing instruction on public health guidelines, under the direction of the SMDHU. The BWHA will be prepared to provide SMDHU details, such as phone number, website, pre-printed pamphlets or an email with instructions to the isolated participant. The BWHA will seek out the desired information that the SMDHU would like distributed, prior to our seasonal plan being implemented.
- d) The facility that the ill participant is being isolated in shall be informed, as soon as possible, in order to determine if any areas within that facility need to be closed off and/or require additional cleaning/disinfecting.
- e) The team coach or trainer should be informed as soon as possible. The team coach or trainer is responsible to inform the BWHA's Covid Response Oversight Group as soon as possible, by emailing the information, along with their contact information for follow-up, to covid@bwha.ca. In all cases this notification must happen within 2 hours of them being informed.
- f) The following positions and individuals will comprise the BWHA's Covid Response Oversight Group:

Position	Individual	Contact
President	Rob Whitehead	president@bwha.ca
Chief Trainer	Tammy McKnight	chieftrainer@bwha.ca
Director of Competitive Teams	Rob Emerson	competitive@bwha.ca
ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS WITHIN THIS PLAN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO covid@bwha.ca.		

- g) The BWHA's Chief Trainer (or other individual as designated by the Chief Trainer) will contact the individual or their parent/guardian to determine if next steps are being taken, with regards to testing.
- h) The BWHA will inform the OWHA of any identified situation, as soon as possible, when an individual becomes unwell with symptoms of Covid-19.

When a participant is tested for COVID-19

- a) Any individual that is part of a hockey program that has been tested for COVID-19, must not participate in hockey activities while waiting for the results of the test and not cannot return to any hockey related activities until a negative test result is received. The BWHA will seek official direction from the SMDHU on this protocol and add further clarity if required.
- b) The BWHA will consult the Session Participation Tracking Data to inform other participants on the importance of infection prevention and control practices such as hand hygiene, physical distancing, wearing a non-medical face mask, and self-monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19, as soon as possible.
- c) Any BWHA members who were in close contact with the individual and is showing identified symptoms of Covid-19, should consider not participate in hockey activities and should follow public health guidelines. A return to play is not advised until the symptoms cease or until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health professionals.

If a participant tests positive for COVID-19

- a) If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they should inform a member of the BWHA's Covid Response Oversight Group as soon as possible, via email to covid@bwha.ca. Contact information numbers for members of the BWHA's Covid Response Oversight Group will also be provided to each team coach, trainer and manager.
 - b) The BWHA's Covid Response Oversight Group will work where requested with the facility and public health officials to assist in contact tracing. The Session Participation Tracking Data may be used to assist public health officials in informing other members, who may have been in close contact with the individual.
 - c) Any BWHA members who were in close contact with the individual should not participate in hockey activities for 14 days and should follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing.
- It is recommended to also inform all members of a positive COVID-19 result, within the hockey program setting, through BWHA's COVID communication response. The BWHA will inform and work with the facility, in the case of a positive COVID19 result, to determine if any additional cleaning/disinfecting should be performed as per the facility's guidelines or as changes to protocols are required.