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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: VIAHA Membership
FROM: Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President
COPY: VIAHA Officers and Staff
SUBJECT: Safety Protocols in Dressing Rooms

VIAHA Officers remind all our members of the safety protocols recommended by the Provincial Health Officer to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 including maintaining hygiene of hands, equipment and environment, no sharing of water bottles and staying away from the rink if you have any of the symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19. If facilities have implemented additional safety protocols these must be followed by all members who are visiting or using these facilities.

There has been some public discussion on the efficacy of the use of face masks. The use of masks in indoor spaces is recommended by the PHO but not mandated. VIAHA will be reviewing this matter at their next Executive Committee meeting on September 13, 2021 and will advise of our policy at that time. However pending the release of that policy it is mandatory that all players and team officials must wear masks at all times while in the dressing rooms. In the younger age groups where parents may be in the dressing room to assist with tying skates, etc. they must also be wearing masks.

This is in effect immediately for all VIAHA activities including practices and games and will remain in effect until such time as the policy is revised after the September 13, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. Any violations of the policy should be reported to VIAHA Officers or staff.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Humphrey
VIAHA President