



Updated- CMHA Safety Plan

Western Financial Place Arena

October 13, 2021

CMHA would ask that the City of Cranbrook consider this updated Safety Plan. Our proposal is aligned with all current Provincial Health Authority, ViaSport, BC Hockey and BCRPA regulations relating to Covid and Return to Play.

CMHA reserves the right for coaches and volunteers to remove any player from the facility that they deem to be a safety risk.

CMHA will comply with these regulations as follows:

- **Full Vaccination** – Means double vaccinated with one of the approved Covid 19 vaccines.
- **Covid Ambassador** – The home or host team will name at least one Covid Ambassador who must have a visible presence. This individual will oversee adherence to the return to play plan, facility guidelines, and ensure that COVID protocols are being followed. Failure of the Ambassador to oversee adherence to the return to play plan, facility guidelines, and ensuring the COVID protocols are being followed could result in a loss of booking privileges to the renter or organization.
- **Abuse of volunteers** – Any abuse of covid check-in volunteers will not be permitted and will result in the immediate suspension of the spectator and player from future team events.

Practices:

- Face masks must be worn by persons 5 years of age and older at all times within the facility.
- Masks may only be removed by players and coaches when leaving the dressing room directly to the field of play (ice surface).
- The full name, phone number or email address must be recorded by the Covid Ambassador and kept for 30 days by the team manager for all people entering the facility.
- Support Staff must remain in the designated areas within the facility as follows:
 - Coaches, HCSP, and Athletic Trainers will be permitted on the benches.



- Parents, spectators and volunteers will be permitted to sit in the arena seating areas. Social distancing is not required but is still recommended.
- Spectators are to remain seated except to use the washroom facilities and must avoid congregation at all times.

Games:

- Two Covid Ambassadors must check and see proof of full vaccination for all spectators and volunteers 12 years and older and Photo Identification for those 18 years and older.
- Players, Coaches, Managers, Hockey Canada Safety Person, and Officials are exempt from the requirement to show proof of full vaccination.
- Face masks must be worn by persons 5 years of age and older at all times within the facility.
- Masks may only be removed by players, coaches and Hockey Canada Safety Person when leaving the dressing room directly to the field of play (ice surface and benches).
- Support Staff must remain in the designated areas within the facility as follows:
 - Coaches and Hockey Canada Safety Person will be permitted on the benches.
 - Parents, spectators and volunteers will be permitted to sit in the designated arena seating areas. Social distancing is not required but is still recommended.
 - Penalty Box attendants, Time/Score Keepers will be permitted in the penalty box area.
 - Volunteers may also be permitted in the Lower Lobby area to be in position to support players where needed.
 - Spectators are to remain seated except to use the washroom facilities, and must avoid congregation at all times

Arrival:

- Teams will be allowed to enter the arena prior to their scheduled ice time and will exit the arena once they've undressed the end of the scheduled ice time.
- Participants will arrive wearing a mask or facial covering. Masks must remain on at all times (including in dressing rooms).
- Participants will enter at the Front (North) Door **Player's Entrance #2** arena entrance accessed from the North parking lot.
- CMHA will provide a "Covid Ambassador" who will be responsible for tracking and regulating the 50-spectator capacity for practices.
- Spectators will enter through the same North Side doors for access to the lobby and then into the arena check-in desk to either provide contact tracing info for practices or to provide proof of full vaccination for games before going to the seating area.
- Players will proceed directly downstairs to the dressing room area, check the Dressing Room Assignment Board and proceed directly the assigned room.



- Players are each permitted to bring in one or two water bottles which may be filled at home or in their assigned change room.

Exit Ice and Building Procedure (Front Door – Player’s Entrance # 2):

- At the end of the session, participants must exit the ice, single file, to their assigned dressing rooms. Participants must leave in the opposite direction that they entered up the stairs and through the Front Door **Player’s Entrance #2**.
- Spectators must leave the arena within 5 minutes of their participant finishing their session to avoid congregation and keep capacity numbers down.

Entry to Ice (field of play):

- Masks may be removed and left in the dressing room immediately prior to putting on helmets and heading to the ice.
- Players should exit the dressing room single file to the appropriate bench (Home/Visitor) for access to the playing surface.

Suspected illness with any Covid related symptoms:

- All safety volunteers are encouraged to maintain social distancing. If for any reason they are required to be closer than 2 meters from a potentially ill participant, they will be required to wear a face mask, gloves and eye protection.
- Participant will be asked to go directly off the ice and up into the designated isolation area.
- Parents will be contacted and be asked to pickup and take their child directly to the hospital for professional evaluation.
- If a positive Covid case is reported, CMHA will contact Interior Health and follow their guidance.
- All decisions relating to a positive Covid case will be made by Interior Health only.

Additional Safety Rules:

- **NO SPITTING (including water from water bottles) anywhere inside of the facility including on the ice surface.**
- No sharing of water bottles.
- No horseplay of any kind.
- Any player that feels sick or unwell **MUST** stay home.



Discipline Policy:

- A failure to comply with any of these guidelines will result in the following minimum disciplinary measures:
 - First Offence - Verbal Warning
 - Second Offence – Player and/or Teams will miss the next scheduled ice time and parents will be notified.
 - Third Offence – Player(s) will be removed from participation indefinitely and the matter will be brought to the CMHA Discipline Committee for disciplinary action.

