



Updated- CMHA Phase 3 Safety Plan

Western Financial Place Arena

November 5, 2020

CMHA would ask that the City of Cranbrook consider our updated proposal to address recent guidelines released in the Provincial Health Order – Gatherings and Events, October 30th, 2020 (PHO). This proposal should be considered in conjunction with the additional supplied documents (BC Hockey Return to Play Plan and Emergency Response Plan (EAP)) to support our participants in resuming hockey in a safe and controlled environment. 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:

Permitted Non-Player's within the Facility:

- **Spectators / “Patrons” (see PHO on Gatherings and Events, October 30th, 2020 for definition) will not be permitted within the arena at this time.**
- **Practices:**
 - a maximum group size of no more than 65 (full participants plus essential event personnel). This number is intended to support shared ice practices.
 - Arena Staff are not included in the (65) total number.
 - All non-players and their respective roles must be recorded along with contact info for each game in the [CMHA Game Day Sign Up Form PDF](#).
 - All Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, and Support staff must wear a face covering 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).
 - Support Staff must remain in the designated areas within the facility, except:
 - Coaches, Hockey Canada Safety Person (HCSP), and Athletic Trainers will be permitted on the benches.
 - Volunteers will only be permitted in the Lower Lobby area behind the players benches and in the Northwest corner area by the glass beyond the Bucks Dressing room and will maintain social distance.
 - Nobody will be permitted in the stands at this time.
 - The following Support Staff will be permitted per team for practices:
 - Coaches (max. 6 for individual practices, 8 for shared for cohorted groups)
 - Hockey Canada Safety Person (HCSP) (max. 1)
 - Manager (max. 1)



- Safety Check-In person (max. 1)
- 2 Covid Ambassadors – role is to ensure compliance with the current CMHA and City of Cranbrook Covid Safety Plans.
- **Maximum of 5 certified Trusted Adult off-ice volunteers so long as the following is met:**
 - Must wear a face covering at all times within the facility.
 - Current Criminal Record Check required (free of charge through CMHA link).
 - <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>
 - ACCESS CODE: GP3KRNPES
 - Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders must be completed (cost to be borne by the volunteer).
 - <https://bch.respectgroupinc.com/>
 - A minimum of 2 Adults Must always be present when in the presence of youth.
 - Must remain in the designated viewing area as determined by the facility
- **Games:**
 - a maximum group size of no more than 65 (full participants plus essential event personnel). Arena Staff are not included in this total number.
 - 17 skaters + 2 goalies maximum per team
 - Team officials, (6 per team):
 - Head Coach (max. 1)
 - Assistant Coaches (max. 3)
 - HCSP/Trainer (max. 1)
 - Manager (max. 1)
 - On-ice officials (2-4 total):
 - 1-2 referee(s), 1-2 linesperson(s)
 - Off-ice officials (max. 4 total)
 - Penalty Box attendants, Time/Score Keepers
 - In addition to the numbers above, each team will also be allowed between 4-8 Support Staff so long as the total group size is at or less than 65 total.
 - All non-players and their respective roles must be recorded along with contact info for each game in the CMHA Game Day Sign Up Form PDF.
 - All Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, and Support staff must wear a face covering at all times within the facility.
 - Support Staff must remain in the designated areas within the facility, except:
 - Coaches, Hockey Canada Safety Person (HCSP), and Athletic Trainers will be permitted on the benches.
 - Penalty Box attendants, Time/Score Keepers will be permitted in the penalty box area.
 - Broadcaster, Videographer and Music coordinators will be permitted to sit in designated areas where their role will be optimized.



- Additional volunteers will only be permitted in the Lower Lobby area behind the players benches and in the Northwest corner area by the glass beyond the Bucks Dressing room.
- Nobody will be permitted in the stands at this time.
- Support Staff may include:
 - General Volunteers (not requiring certification) may include:
 - Safety Check-In person
 - Covid Ambassadors – role is to ensure compliance with the current CMHA and City of Cranbrook Covid Safety Plans.
 - Broadcaster
 - Videographer
 - Photographer
 - Statistic recorder
 - Music coordinator
 - Jersey coordinator
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Arrival:

- It is preferred that all players arrive at the arena fully dressed including skate guards. If this is not possible, skates, gloves and helmets may be put on within the designated dressing room within the facility.
- Teams will only be allowed to enter the arena 15 minutes prior to their scheduled ice time and will have to exit the arena within 15 minutes from the end of the scheduled ice time.
- Strict adherence to the 15-minute guidelines will be required to not negatively impact other user groups. Failure to do so will may affect CMHA’s ability to book future ice with the City.
- Participants will arrive wearing a mask or facial covering. Masks must remain on at all times (including in dressing rooms).
- Participants will line up at the Front (North) Door #2 arena entrance accessed from the North parking lot.
- Each CMHA and Visiting Team will provide a safety check-in person stationed inside the Front Door #2 Entrance to perform the following:



- Record the name and contact info of everyone entering the arena and will place the completed sheet in the designated location within the facility.
- Each player will have their temperature checked and will be allowed in only if they are within the acceptable range.
- Confirmation of completed TeamSnap Health Check for appropriate record keeping and contact tracing purposes.
- Once check-in is complete, players will proceed directly downstairs to the dressing room area, check the Dressing Room Assignment Board and proceed directly the assigned room while maintaining social distance.
- To minimize physical contact, coaches and on-ice volunteers will not tie skates for participants within the facility.
- Participants may tie their own skates within the facility; however, if they require assistance, they will need to ask one of the approved masked volunteers.
- Players are each permitted to bring in one or two water bottles that must be filled at home. Bottles must have the players name clearly displayed.

Exit Ice and Building Procedure (Front Door # 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 #2 within 15 minutes, so the next group can enter the building.

Entry to Ice (field of play):

- Safety check in person will direct participants to the appropriate areas once inside the facility.
- Masks may be removed in the dressing room prior to accessing the ice once helmets are put on.
- Players should exit the dressing room single file maintaining social distance to the appropriate bench (Home/Visitor) for access to the playing surface.

On-Ice Procedure for Non-Cohort Groups

- For non-cohort hockey there is a maximum of 20 players total and 4 coaches permitted on the ice at one time.
- No game play permitted – practices and skill sessions only
- Players benches are not to be used by non-cohort groups
- All drills will utilize social distancing and will require groups to be broken into stations to minimize physical contact.

On-Ice Procedures for Cohort Groups

(A Cohort is a group of participants who primarily interact with each other within the sport environment over an extended period of time – e.g. series of events)

- Game play permitted.
- For Practice play, a 50-person limit will be permitted on the ice for cohorted groups.
- Bench use is permitted.



- Coaches, trainers, or supports staff must wear a mask while on the player's benches and when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Skills or Practice Sessions:

- See On-Ice Cohort and Non-Cohort requirements for total field of play numbers.
- Grouping of players is recommended through skill stations, lanes, zones, etc. This will minimize contact and support social distancing.
- Corners with social distancing markers will remain and are encouraged to be used as much as possible.

Scrimmages/Game Play:

- Up to 38 players will be permitted on the ice at one time.
- A maximum of 19 players per team will be permitted.
- Cohorts will be formed and reported to the respective CMHA Division Head for that level and will be available to the City of Cranbrook upon request.
- Certified officials will be permitted and will follow Hockey Canada guidelines with respect to face covering and social distancing.
- Coaches and support staff will be permitted on the bench and must wear a face covering at all times within the facility, including the bench.

Coaches, volunteers, officials:

- Will undergo the same health screening as players.
- Will do their best to ensure that social distancing rules are followed when required.
- Will wear a face covering when social distancing can not be achieved. This applies to assisting players with equipment, attending to injured players, etc.
- Will put on skates and/or equipment within the designated approved areas.

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 Facility Information:

- Sanitization stations with hand sanitizer will be located at each check-in station and within pre-ice areas.



- Lobby washroom usage will be permitted but will be restricted to only 2 people per washroom at a time.
- Referee room washroom will be open but only 1 person will be permitted at a time.
- Dressing rooms are presently off limits but will follow the safety requirements noted above once usage is approved.
- Dressing room showers will remain off limits.

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.

