

Please use this guide to help respond to member questions and issues related to COVID-19. This common language will be used in similar scenarios across all associations to be consistent with our messaging. This guide will be hosted via a link and questions/responses will be added as necessary with an updated date in the top right corner of this page. This guide should be kept internal and shared with only the necessary individuals.

## Preamble:

Hockey Edmonton and its member associations take direction from Alberta Health Services, the Government of Alberta, Hockey Alberta, and Hockey Canada. While it is within our authority to strengthen regulation/restrictions, we are not COVID-19 experts and we defer to the health experts and the proper authorities. Also, note that Alberta's Health Information Act does not allow us to share medical information without consent using a Consent Disclosure Form; we cannot identify a participant while informing other members of COVID contact.

## A Positive COVID-19 Case:

If an attendee tests positive, AHS will only request information about the attendee's participation in sport if it is deemed that a potential exposure is likely to have occurred during such activity.

- When interviewing a person who has tested positive, AHS investigators will determine if there are close contacts that should be made aware/notified based on the period of infectivity and the organization's compliance with public health guidance. This might involve a call to the team representatives or players, but only if necessary.
- An individual participant is under no obligation to inform sport organizations or other participants, coaches, instructors, officials or volunteers of:
  - o the reason for missing a practice or game,*
  - o if they are pursuing COVID-19 testing, or*
  - o the results of a COVID-19 test.*
- While acting in the best interests of all, organization and team officials must be respectful of the privacy of a person's personal health information and comply with requirements set out in Alberta's Health Information Act.

## REPONSES and LANGUAGE

### POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE with recent contact to team and AHS has yet to follow up:

1. Click [Here](#) for detailed instructions

### POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE (communication to impacted members required)

#### Physical distanced sessions

1. There has been a positive COVID-19 case reported from a player/coach that participated in your hockey session on (insert date), at (insert time), at (insert location). We are taking all direction from AHS. At this

time, we have not been directed to contact other participants of the session but are doing so regardless in an effort to keep you informed. At this time, there is no reason to be concerned. AHS will contact you only in the event further action is required. We ask that you continue to monitor your health and familiarize yourself with COVID-19 symptoms.

2. **AHS shuts down the cohort.** There has been a positive COVID-19 case reported in your cohort. AHS has shut down all cohort activities, effective immediately. You will be contacted by AHS in the event further action is required.
3. **AHS does not shutdown the cohort.** There has been a positive COVID-19 case reported in your cohort. We will be taking all direction from AHS, and at this time AHS has not deemed it necessary to cease cohort activities. Activities will continue as scheduled until directed otherwise.

**DECISION TO PAUSE COHORT DUE TO SEVERAL SYMPTOMATIC COHORT MEMBERS (please note that this is a voluntary action which may vary and depend on the wishes of the team/association):**

1. Out of an abundance of caution, we've made the decision to temporarily shut down your team/cohort. No team activities are permitted at this time until further notice. While respecting the privacy of everyone, we can inform you that the shut down is due to **information as to why? (ex. multiple members displaying symptoms).**

This shutdown is temporary until we receive further information and clarity.

**CLOSE CONTACT (communication to impacted members not required, respond if asked)**

**1. Cohort member in close contact with positive COVID-19 case.**

At this time, there has not been a positive case reported within your cohort. Therefore, we will continue with scheduled activities. Any cohort member(s) who has been in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case outside of our program is being directed by AHS with regards to Updated October 30, 2020 isolation requirements. They are not permitted to participate in any hockey activities until they have completed their isolation requirements or are cleared by AHS to resume participation.

**ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS (respond if asked):**

**1. Showed symptoms, got tested, test came back negative.**

*The Government of Alberta isolation requirements can be found [here](#). A participant can only return to hockey activities before completing their isolation requirement if they receive explicit permission from AHS that does not require them to further isolate.*

## OTHER QUESTIONS (respond if asked):

### 1. Can I participate in multiple cohorts?

- The Government of Alberta cohorting guidelines state, "Individuals should limit the number of cohorts/mini-leagues they belong to." AHS Cohort information can be found [here](#).
- Within the Hockey Edmonton program, we follow these guidelines. Players, coaches, and referees will only be assigned to 1 cohort at a time.
- Families have choices. When making decisions, we ask families consider the health of all participants as it relates to their cohort involvement outside the Hockey Edmonton program.

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