

Steps:

- In the event that a cohort member contacts you with a positive Covid-19 case, the following information should be obtained asap if AHS has not already followed up with your association:
 1. Identify date and time of symptom onset, or date and time the test was taken if asymptomatic
 2. Identify all hockey related activities that occurred in the previous 48 hours leading up to symptom onset or test time if asymptomatic, and the attendance records of the positive member at these activities.
 3. Identify all 'cohort teams' that participated in the above identified activities
 4. Shut down all 'cohort teams' identified above by communicating to the affected team members using the LETTER TEMPLATE found below
- **Please inform us at Hockey Edmonton ASAP (discipline@hockeyedmonton.ca)**

Clarifications for close contacts in sport:

- Who are considered close contacts of cases who have participated in team sports while communicable?
 - When playing a contact sport or engaging in a physical activity that involves multiple participants/players and where it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 2 metres from other participants/players at all times, all the individuals in the group will be considered part of that cohort.
 - The cohort group will include both the team the positive case is playing on and the team(s) he/she is playing against.
 - While cohorts limit the risk of extensive disease transmission because they reduce the number of people with whom players/participants have close contact, cohorts do NOT eliminate the risk of transmission and everyone in the cohort will therefore be considered close contacts.
 - Cohorts will be considered close contacts regardless of mask use, duration of and degree of close proximity to each other as assessment of these risks is not possible in these activities.
- Who is NOT considered a close contact of cases involved in team sports?
 - Members of the cohort who were not present at the games or practices where the exposure occurred would be considered to have no exposure risk and deemed not to be a close contact.
 - Cohorts would not be considered close contacts if the case was not present for games or practices during the communicability period.
 - Coaches, staff and officials who interact with individuals or teams at a distance of 2 metres or greater do not need to be counted as part of the exposed cohort. These individuals are required to wear a mask and perform proper hand hygiene if it becomes necessary to temporarily interact with cohorting participants at a distance of less than 2 metres.
 - Spectators who have maintained a distance of 2 metres would not be considered close contacts.



Directions for Dealing with Positive Covid-19 Tests

Sample letter

Urgent: Positive Covid-19 Case

Date:

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians of 'Team Name'

Please be advised there has been a positive Covid-19 case reported within your child's cohort/team.

We extend our best wishes to our affected participant and his/her family as they deal with the challenges surrounding this virus. We wish them a speedy recovery and return to hockey.

Until further notice, all hockey related activities for this cohort/team are cancelled. We will notify you when the cohort/team is permitted to resume activities. Based on AHS guidance, players and cohort coaches may have been exposed if they were in attendance on any of the following sessions:

- Insert Dates

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Our understanding is that if you were at any of these sessions you are considered a close contact. Following AHS requirements, close contacts are legally required to quarantine for 14 days from the time they were exposed and to monitor for symptoms. Hockey Edmonton and our member association strongly recommend the participants in attendance consider themselves close contacts and follow AHS isolation requirements. Please review the following FAQ for detailed information on close contacts and isolation requirements:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17221.aspx>

We will continue to update you throughout this process as we progress with AHS on the matter.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve

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