

COVID-19 – OPERATIONAL PLAN

Minor Hockey Association:

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DECISION MAKING

The Minor Hockey Association's Communication's Officer will work in consultation with representatives from Hockey New Brunswick and the facilities management.

The Minor Hockey Association Communications Officer will then work with 'Team Liaison's' to provide updates, who will filter the information to parents / guardian's and participants.

Ongoing communication with facility management / Hockey New Brunswick.

Regular updates to parents / guardian's through email / MHA website and social media.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING (2-METER RULE)

Limit the amount of traffic in the facility

Expectations upon arrival and departure - recommend pre-meeting with team parents as well as facility. Spectators need to physical distance throughout facility.

Limit the amount of time spent in the dressing rooms

Meet with the facility to discuss the use of dressing rooms or alternate set-ups which will be available.

Distancing amongst spectators

Spectators are required to physical distance as per GNB guidelines.

Masks

If physical distancing cannot be followed, its recommended to wear a non-medical mask (may also be required by the facility).
For example:

- In dressing room
- On benches
- Attending to an injured player

Off ice team warm ups

Coach should ensure physical distancing is practiced.
No sharing of warm up equipment.
Observe facility rules regarding team warmups.

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On ice activities	Teams follow the phases which have been developed by Hockey New Brunswick		
Traffic flow	Members are to follow the traffic flow in the specific arena. (Appendix E).		
HEALTH AND RESPIRATORY HYGIENE			
Promote frequent handwashing	Players are recommended to wash their hands before and after ice session. Hand sanitizer can be used if there's no access to water.		
Water bottles	Players are to have a labelled water bottle and use only that water bottle when participating in the activity. Players should wash water bottles after each session.		
Good respiratory hygiene/ cough etiquette	Cough or sneeze in a tissue or the bend of your arm, not the hand. Dispose of any used tissues as soon as possible in a waste basket and wash your hands. Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.		

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Additional hygiene guidelines	<p>Minimize going in and out of doors, including the dressing rooms. Facility doors are considered a high-risk touch point.</p> <p>No sharing of drinks or food.</p> <p>A towel should be used for emergencies only.</p> <p>A towel should only be used once and taken off the bench to be washed.</p> <p>No spitting.</p> <p>No blowing the nose without tissue.</p> <p>Pre-game and post-game handshakes have been eliminated.</p> <p>Players should not share clothing, soap, shampoo or other personal items such as razors or towels.</p> <p>Wash your hands after using restrooms with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol content) if soap and water are not available.</p>		
CLEANING AND DISINFECTING			
Follow facility guidelines			
Equipment	Some equipment should be washed (jerseys, pant shells, mouth guards, socks) after each training session following manufacturers guidelines.		
SCREENING AND MONITORING			
Sickness	If participant does not feel well, they should stay home and advise the coach. All those participating in or attending a hockey activity should stay home if sick.		
Pre-screening	All members are to do the screening questionnaire (Appendix D).		

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Contact tracing	Teams to take attendance of participants for each ice time; In case there is a positive test among the members (Appendix C).		
RECOMMENDED RETURN TO PLAY PROCEDURES			
Steps to follow	Appendix B		
Positive COVID-19 test in hockey environment	Appendix A		

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

COVID-19 Operational Plan Guide

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/Promo/covid-19/covid-op-plan-guide.pdf>

Work Safe NB – Embracing the new normal

<https://www.worksafenb.ca/media/60996/embracing-the-new-normal.pdf>

Hockey Canada Safety Guidelines

https://hnb.ca/images/hnb/pdf/HC_RTH_SafetyGUIDELINES_8.5X11_ENG_FINAL.pdf

Hockey New Brunswick Return to Hockey Guidelines

https://hnb.ca/images/hnb/2020/pdf/HNB_Return_to_Hockey_guideline1.pdf

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Positive COVID-19 test in hockey environment

Appendix B – COVID-19 Return to Play Procedure

Appendix C – Contact Tracing Registry

Appendix D – Government of NB, COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire

Appendix E – Traffic Flow of Arena