



# COVID-19 Safety Plan 2021

**\*Subject to Change – December 13, 2021\***

*This document follows the guidelines set out by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, via Sport, the City of Merritt, the Lower Nicola Indian Band, and the BC Provincial Health Authorities. We will continue to evaluate the parameters set out by these governing bodies and work through each part accordingly as restrictions change. Health and safety will be at the forefront of all programming offered by Merritt Minor Hockey Association (MMHA). Please note that each part is subject to change according to the facility requirements and Provincial Health Officer guidelines.*

## **Communications Officers:**

MMHA has identified Mike Mouland & Kim DeRose as our Communications Officers. They will be the point of contact to address questions, updates, or concerns regarding our Safety Plan as well as be responsible for ensuring these guidelines are followed.

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## **Reporting and Compliance:**

MMHA is committed to ensuring these safety procedures and guidelines are followed. The below aspects will be evaluated with our governing bodies and the Health Authority.

## **Safety Procedures and Hygiene**

### **Safety:**

- Masks are required for everyone 5 years of age and older. Masks may be removed when on-ice participants put on their helmets and go on the ice. Masks are required for bench staff during games.
- Teams will be permitted access to dressing rooms 45 minutes prior to their ice time.
- Proof of **full (2 doses)** COVID-19 vaccine is required for **everyone** 12 years of age and older:
  - Proof of vaccine is the BC Vaccine Card (i.e.: the passport/QR code); either electronic or printed.
  - MMHA parent volunteers will ask for proof of vaccine (either by visually verifying or utilizing the BC Vaccine Card Verifier App) and a second piece of ID.
  - Second piece of ID is required for those over 18 years of age.
  - **Please be patient and show kindness to our volunteers.**
  - Players (who are entering facility 45 minutes prior to their ice time) and officials aged 12-18 are exempt from proof of vaccine.
- Doors will be locked 15 minutes after the start of each ice time (please make arrangements if arriving late) – a sign will be posted on the door with team manager contact info.

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### Hygiene:

- Enter and exit through marked doors, follow all posted signage and arrows put in place by the facility.
- Absolutely **no spitting** on the ice, the floor, dressing rooms or the benches.
- Participants are asked to sanitize hands upon entry and when exiting the building as per facility guidelines.
- Do not share water bottles.
- Fist/Glove bumps at the end of games are permitted.
- Participants and spectators are asked to promptly exit the facility at the end of their ice time so proper sanitation can occur prior to the next group entering.

### Enforcement:

- Our parent volunteers are not security guards.
- Should a spectator refuse to provide valid proof of vaccine, do not engage in confrontation.
- Should the above noted spectator refuse to leave the facility, the ice time (practice or game) is to be ended.
- First offence will result in a 30-day suspension from all MMHA Sanctioned Events.
- Second offence will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season from all MMHA Sanctioned Events.

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