



FAQ's re COVID and Minor Hockey

A player in my child's group tests positive. Will the 6 other players need to quarantine for 14 days?

Not necessarily.

Contact tracing will identify the people who have come into contact with that child, and what type of activity. How close was the contact? What were they doing? For how long? The Medical Health Officer assigned to that case will consider and assign a risk level. Recommendations are then made with that risk level in mind and communicated to parents (in this example). Recommendations could range from "Watch for symptoms and decrease contacts" to "Isolate for 14 days".

A non hockey example would be a nightclub where someone has been identified as positive. You will see public notification with date ranges such as "if you were at Joes Bar last Tues..." then please was for symptoms and go get tested if you become symptomatic. For someone else who was, for example, bartending with the person may be asked to quarantine.

So there is no simple answer. Just know that it depends, risk levels are assessed by the MHO and BC has one of the best Public Health systems in the world. ☺

If you love to read this kind of stuff, you can check out the interim guidelines here:

http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Epid/CD%20Manual/Chapter%201%20-%20CDC/2019-nCoV-Interim_Guidelines.pdf