



GREATER VERNON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SAFETY PLAN

Updated October 14, 2021

This Safety Plan for the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association (GVMHA) is in compliance with the “Gatherings and Events – COVID-19 Order” for Interior Health Authority dated September 13, 2021.

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GVMHA COVID Protocol Parameters:

Programming was or is being delivered within the guidelines for the following restrictions:

- Physical distancing
- Group size

Programming was or is being delivered within the guidelines for the following protocols:

- Hygiene and mask measures
- Symptom Screening

Programming has been delivered within the guidelines regarding participants:

- Limited spectators



SAFETY PROCEDURES & HYGIENE

Safety

- Dressing rooms will be used as per facility rules and occupancies:
 - Masks are required to be worn by everyone **5+ and older** in all areas, except field of play. *“Field of Play”* includes ice arena and bench.
 - Showers are not available.
- Volunteers, Participants and Spectators, are expected to maintain a distance of 2m from those outside of their household.
- Spectators are individuals watching from the stands; does not include Participants (volunteers, coaches, players).
- Follow facility hand sanitizing protocols.
- Physical distancing will be practiced at all times when off the field of play.
- Each GVMHA group will have a designated COVID Ambassador who will ensure GVMHA’s Safety Plan is implemented and monitored for compliance. Upon arrival, Volunteers, Participants and Spectators will be asked the following questions by a COVID Ambassador:
 - Are you experiencing any of these symptoms: Dry cough, tiredness, fever, sore throat, headache, difficult breathing?
 - Have you been in contact with anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days?A “yes” to any of the above questions will not permit the person to attend.
- Follow Hockey Canada recommended Return to Hockey Procedures regarding illness below.
 - BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool: <https://bc.thrive.health>



Hygiene

- Absolutely no spitting on the ice, floor or benches.
- In lieu of handshakes, keep gloves on for fist bump or stick tap.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of the arm, not hand.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- All participants must have their own water bottle with their name labeled on it; no sharing of water bottles.
- Follow facility hand sanitizing protocols upon entering, during and exiting the facility.

Proof of Vaccination

Practices

- Spectator group size will be less than 50 therefore proof of vaccination is **NOT** required.

Games / Tournaments

- Spectator group size (children and adults) are limited to 50% of facility capacity therefore **spectators 12 years and older must be double vaccinated including COVID**

Ambassador:

- Spectators 19 and older must show valid government ID with Vaccine Passport.
- Arena capacities (at 50%):
 - Kal Tire Place: 1,500
 - Kal Tire Place North: 200
 - Priest Valley: 85
- The COVID Ambassador(s) will scan vaccine passports using the BC Vaccine Card Verifier App, see below for link to App.

Information for checking Vaccine passports (includes information for out of province Spectators)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof>

BC Vaccine Card Verifier App

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof/businesses - app>



- Essential personnel such as Referees, Coaches, Bench Staff, Timekeepers, Scorekeepers and Team Managers are exempt from the Vaccine Passport requirement.
- **Limit of 5 Coaches per bench per team.**

Should a Spectator become “difficult” in response to the double vaccination requirement, please call RCMP at (250) 545-7171 or 911. PLEASE USE REASONABLE JUDGEMENT.

Contact Tracing

- The COVID Ambassador conducts contact tracing of **ANYONE** (regardless of age) entering the facility.
- Contact tracing information includes:
 - first & last name
 - telephone
 - email address
 - For each ice time and group, the above information must be submitted to gvmhacovidtrace@outlook.com
 - Information will be retained by GVMHA for a period of thirty (30) days.

ENTERING THE FACILITY

- COVID Ambassador(s) must be present before spectators are able to enter the facility. If there is no COVID Ambassador, Spectators are not permitted.
- The COVID Ambassador must stay at the door and be available to check people in for the duration of the practice or game.
- Participants must use the designated entrance for the facility and follow hand sanitizing protocols.
- Participants must physically distance at all times, except for the field of play.
- Dressing rooms are available. Showers are not available.
- Participants must have their own filled water bottle with their name on it; no sharing of water bottles.



EXITING THE FACILITY

- Participants must physically distance and hand sanitize when exiting the facility.
- COVID Ambassador(s) will ensure the group has vacated in the appropriate manner and time frame.

FIELD OF PLAY

“Field of Play” includes ice arena and bench.

On-Ice PRACTICE

- Teams can arrive no more than 30 minutes before ice start time.
- Spectators are permitted to enter 5 minutes before ice start time and must vacate within 5 minutes of practice ending.
- Facility capacity is limited to 50 spectators (children and adults) plus on-ice Participants.
 - For practice (**1 team**), Spectator group size to be less than 50.
 - For shared practices (**2 teams**), **one Spectator per Player** is permitted.
- Spectators
 - Are expected to maintain a distance of 2m from those who do not reside in their household.
 - Masks are required to be worn by everyone **5 and older**, in all areas, except field of play.
- To minimize Participant contact between ice sessions, the group (group B) following an in progress ice session (group A) will be directed to their dressing room and will wait until ice has been cleaned. Group B will be directed to the ice when Group A is in the dressing room. Group A will leave the dressing room once Group B is on the ice.



On-Ice GAME / TOURNAMENT

- Spectator group size (children and adults) are limited to 50% of facility capacity therefore **spectators 12 years and older must be double vaccinated**. Spectators 19 and older and COVID Ambassador(s) must show valid government ID with Vaccine Passport.
- Teams and Spectators can arrive no more than 30 minutes prior to ice start time and must vacate within 30 minutes of game ending.
- Masks are required to be worn by everyone **5 and older**, in all areas, except field of play.
- Teams must follow the Hockey Canada Return to Play Guidelines in regards to travel and hotel accommodations.

COVID POSITIVE REPORTING

- If tested positive:
 - Notify Team Manager.
 - Team Manager to notify GVMHA President at presidentgvmha@shaw.ca. ***All information will remain confidential.***
 - Immediately self-isolate for at least 10 days from onset of symptom or date of COVID test, whichever date comes first. This includes household contacts if they are not fully immunized.
 - If symptoms continue past 10 days, stay isolated.
 - Additional information can be found at: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/testing-positive-for-covid-19/>