



GREATER VERNON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SAFETY PLAN

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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 12 and older in all areas, except field of play. *“Field of Play”* includes ice arena and bench.
 - Recommended mask wearing for ages 3 – 11.
 - 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 travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?
 - 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. Link to BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool: <http://bc.thrive.health/>



Hygiene

- Absolutely no spitting on the ice, floor or benches.
- 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

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

Contact Tracing

- 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

- 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.
- COVID Ambassador must remain at the door until doors are locked by the facility attendant.
- 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 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

- Facility capacity is limited to 50 spectators 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 12 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 PLAY

- Facility capacity is limited to 50 Spectators maximum; **one Spectator per Player** is permitted plus Participants.
- Masks are required to be worn by everyone 12 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.
- It is each team’s responsibility to pre-screen their team. The GVMHA COVID Ambassador must collect pre-screen information from visiting teams, prior to entering the facility, and submit to gvmhacovidtrace@outlook.com