



RETURN to HOCKEY

COVID-19 RESPONSE



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MEMBER PLAN

Introduction

BC Hockey Members are focused on reviewing and applying the guidelines within the primary resources outlined in this section to create their Association 'Return to Hockey' plans. BC Hockey has created this document to serve as tool to assist Members in the formation of these plans with the understanding that aspects of each plan may be unique from Member to Member. There is also an understanding that these plans are fluid and must be adaptable to updates provided by the health authority, sport sector or national sport organization (Hockey Canada).

Primary Resources

Review and Follow:

- Provincial Guidelines [CLICK HERE](#)
- viaSport (Sport Sector) return to activity guidelines [CLICK HERE](#)
- Hockey Canada guidelines [CLICK HERE](#)
- BC Hockey Return to Hockey Phases [CLICK HERE](#)

BC Government	viaSport (Sport Sector)	Hockey Canada
General hygiene protocols	Shared equipment protocols	Regulations & registration
Group sizes	Transition from training to games	Certification & training
Physical distancing measures	Transition from non-contact to contact activity	Season structure
Travel restrictions		Program delivery model
Phase transition timelines	Facility & spectator protocols	Events & communications

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Communications Officer

Responsibilities can include:

- Monitoring all updates from the public health authority, via Sport & Hockey Canada
- Communication with local facilities (public & private) on guidelines and updates
- Ensuring teams are following the prevention guidelines set by Hockey Canada
- Ensuring COVID-19 cases are reported: Health authority, BC Hockey, MHA, league & facility

☒ We have appointed a Communications Officer: **Brianne Hillson**

*We have appointed a Communications Officer, Brianne Hillson, President of SOMHA along with a Return to Play Committee who all work in collaboration together to monitor all updates from public health authority, local facilities and Hockey Canada.

*The Communications Officer will maintain contact with local facilities on guidelines and updates and advise Return to Play Committee.

*The SOMHA Executive will ensure that all teams are following the prevention guidelines set out by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.

*In the event of any confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases, SOMHA will report to PHO, BC Hockey, OMAHA and local facilities.

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Facilities

The **Communications Officer** should lead correspondences with all applicable facilities. The Communications Officer should collaborate with neighboring MHAs and the District MHA when facilities are used by multiple Members. A 'Return to Hockey' plan should include details for all facilities that your MHA plans to use. Therefore, the following section may need to be completed for each individual facility. Also, facility guidelines may need to be evaluated during each phase and updated:

Facility Name:

- What facility guidelines and requirements are in place specific to physical distancing?

See attached.

- Are there restrictions specific to the number of people allowed in public areas?

No spectators are allowed in the facility during games. One guardian per player at the U7 level is deemed essential. Covid Ambassador will be permitted - at the U7/U9 level this is 2 people all other levels this is 1. At all levels during games, 1 Videographer, 1 HCSP, 1 Manager, Covid Ambassadors will be allowed in the facility during games while wearing masks.

- Are masks required when entering the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Masks are required in all places in the facility, except for in field of play.

- Are the following areas accessible within the facility or facilities used?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Main Lobby

☒ Yes ☐ No

Team, Officials' or alternate (accessibility) dressing room(s) & showers

☒ Yes ☐ No

Observations or Spectator areas

☒ Yes ☐ No

Washrooms

☒ Yes ☐ No

Area designated for isolation

☒ Yes ☐ No

Ice surface or surfaces (ex. Rink 1)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Other

- Outline the protocols that will be in place for each area and if an area is not available alternative options that will be in place that need to be conveyed to the participants?

☒ Main Lobby (e.g. Foot traffic flow, physical distance signage, sanitation stations etc)

* Follow the directional floor signage and maintain physical distancing.

* Entrance to both facilities will be locked and unlocked by facility staff.

* COVID ambassador must be assigned and be a visible presence (SOMHA will be supplying every team with arm bands) This volunteer/parent/coach or instructor will oversee the return to play plan, and ensure COVID protocols are being followed.

- ☒ Dressing room(s) (e.g. physical distance markers, post-activity only etc)

U13 and up will be able to use dressing rooms to get dressed/undressed before practice - only have 15 minutes - masks are mandatory
U13 and up will be allowed entry into the facilities on game days 30 minutes prior to game and must exit within 15 minutes - masks are mandatory
U11 and below must come to arena fully dressed with exception of skates/helmets. Masks mandatory

- ☒ Observations or Spectator areas (Limits, physical distance markers etc.)

*No spectators are permitted at this time.
*Parents are considered essential at the U7 level and are permitted but must be wearing masks, physical distancing and abiding by the Covid Ambassador directives.

- ☒ Shower and Washroom facilities

Washrooms will be open with sanitation of the areas occurring periodically

- ☒ Isolation area & Other areas (if applicable)

Oliver - Female Dressing Room
Osoyoos - None has been indicated

- ☒ Ice Surface(s)

- Players will enter through the gate which is identified as the entrance
- Participants will exit single file through gate identified as exit

- ☒ How many participants are allowed on the ice? *NOTE: This will vary depending on activity level, age group, specific requirements within a facility in order to adhere to the mitigation guidelines identified by the Health Authority. It is important to outline all potential limits.*

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Participant Meeting & Administration Checklist

Topics to include in orientation of participants and parents / guardians should include but are not limited to the below:

Review of Facility and Member protocols for physical distancing guidelines:

- ☒ Protocols within the facility prior to activity (e.g. physical distancing markers)
- ☒ Protocols during on-ice activity and off-ice activity (e.g. Phase 2 = 2m spacing)
- ☒ Protocols within facility post-activity

Review guidelines regarding the number of people / facility patrons that are permitted:

- ☒ Within the facility at any given time
- ☒ On the ice at any given time
- ☒ In any off-ice training spaces at any given time

Participant arrival / departure procedure:

- ☒ Established time spacing between ice bookings to minimize group cross-over
- ☒ Established arrival expectations (e.g. Participants arriving dressed for activity)
- ☒ Activity check-in / attendance to assist with possible need for contact tracing
- ☒ Protocols for participants requiring assistance (e.g. para-hockey, younger ages)
- ☒ Established designated drop-off & pick-up areas and procedures

During Activity:

- ☒ Participants should have individually labeled water bottles (cleaned after use & filled at home)
- ☒ Personal equipment not being used must be stored in an isolated area (e.g. car)
- ☒ No sharing of personal equipment & strict hygiene protocols communicated
- ☒ Coaches, HCSP and Officials prepared to assist in all protocols

Preparing for Programming / Activity (Registration and Administration):

- ☒ Pre-registration for all activities or programs (e.g. no on-site payments)
- ☒ Payment policy is flexible to make activities or programming accessible
- ☒ Refund policies in place, communicated and flexible (ex. Dependant upon illness)
- ☒ Ensure that all participants that are unwell or displaying symptoms **must** stay home

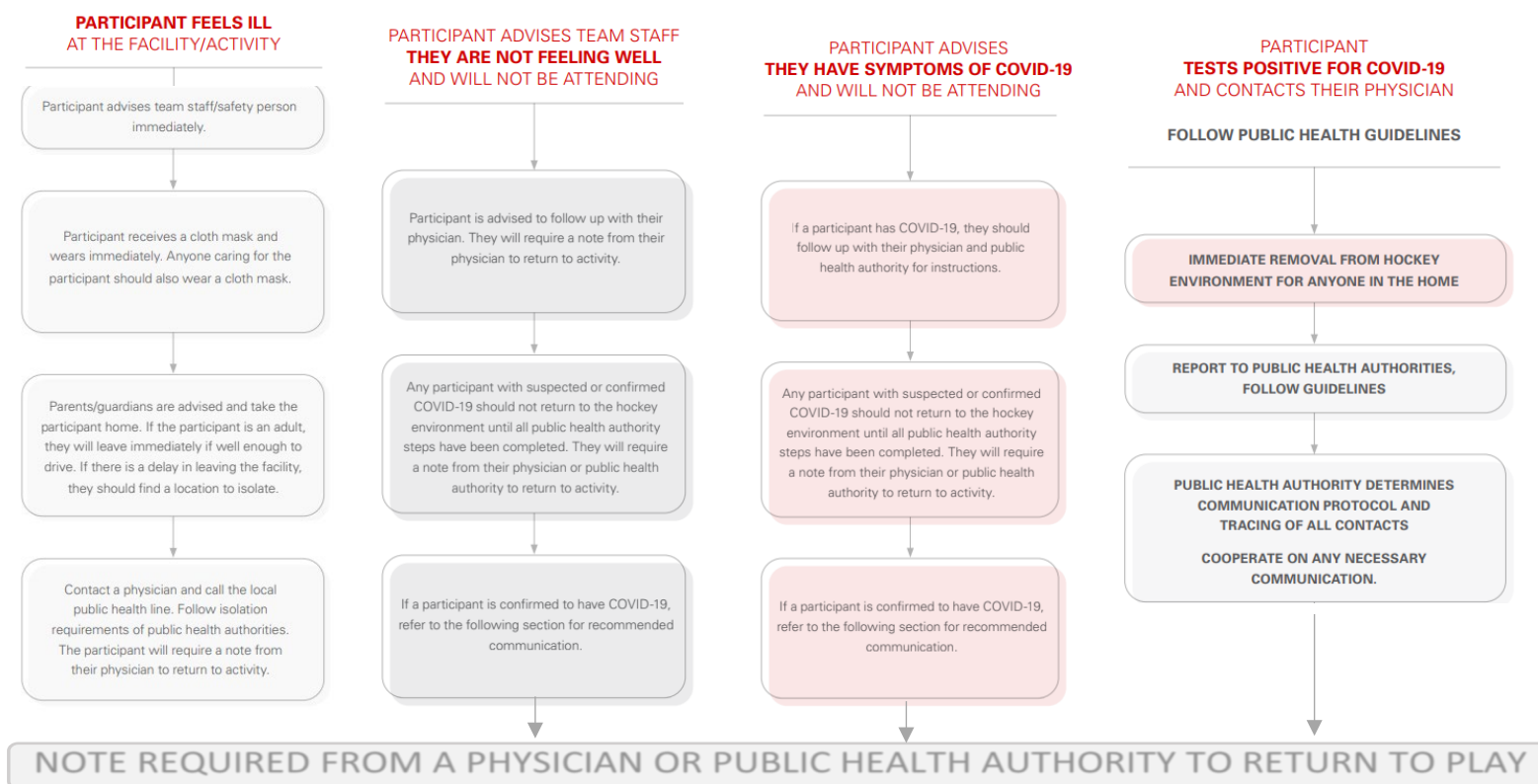
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Hygiene & Illness Protocols

Information regarding hygiene and illness protocols may be subject to change. This section is meant to not only provide resources for such protocols but ensure Members are prepared to make necessary updates as more information or best practices are established.

- ☒ Reviewed Federal Government hand hygiene guidelines [CLICK HERE](#)
- ☒ Process for participants to disclose symptoms or confirmed case of COVID-19
- ☒ HCSP responsible for initiating illness protocol during activity
- ☒ Ill participants must provide a Doctor's note prior returning to hockey activity

COVID-19 screening form must be completed by patrons entering the facility. If someone shows symptoms while entering, they will not be permitted access and be sent home. Google Forms will be sent prior to each event at arena.
Follow COVID-19 illness protocol flow chart.



(Source: Hockey Canada Safety Guidelines - Sections 7-8)

Emergency Action Plan – Emergency Safety Kit

It is important to include COVID – 19 protocols within every program or team Emergency Action Plan (EAP). It is valuable to provide coaches, managers and HCSP volunteers with resources to assist in the construction of each team's EAP. Your MHA 'Return to Hockey' plan should also include COVID – 19 specific resources within all team emergency safety kits to ensure that HCSP and team officials are prepared to deal with a health crisis. Hockey Canada's EAP resource [CLICK HERE](#)

Enter Emergency Action Plans

All teams will be provided with Safety kits which include gloves, masks and disinfectants. The Safety Kits will also contain the Emergency Action Plan, COVID-19 screening form and COVID-19 illness protocol flow chart.

At least one HCSP will be onsite for all hockey activities.

Member 'Return to Hockey' Plan (Template)

Below is viaSport's Return to Sport Activity Chart. 'Return to Hockey' plans should comply with these guidelines. Member plans should outline how it aligns with the activity chart for each phase. Particular attention should be paid to Phases 2 & 3 before any hockey programming begins. These plans may require updates as new resources are made available. Therefore, plans should be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any changes.



Return to Sport Activity Chart

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Phase 4

	Strictest Controls Prior to May 19, 2020	Transition Measures Approx. May 19th to Sept	Progressively Loosen Future date TBC	New Normal Future date TBC
Restrictions in Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Physical Distance (2m) No non-essential travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Physical Distance (2m) No non-essential travel No group gatherings over 50 people 	Refer to PHO and local health authorities	Refer to PHO and local health authorities
Enhanced Protocols	Increased hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased hand hygiene Symptom Screening in place 	Increased hand hygiene	Increased hand hygiene
Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor or within home Facilities and playgrounds closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor is safest Indoor facilities slowly re-opening 	Outdoor/Indoor	Outdoor/Indoor
Participants	Individual activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small Groups No or limited spectators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups sizes may increase Limited spectators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large groups allowed No restrictions on spectators
Non-contact Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low risk outdoor activities can occur (biking, running, etc). Virtual activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamental movement skills Modified training activities, drills 	Expansion of training activities	No restrictions on activity type
Contact Activities	Should not occur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should not occur Contact sports should look for non-contact alternatives to training 	Introduction to pair or small group contact skills	No restrictions on activity type
Competition*	Should not occur	In club play or modified games may slowly be introduced	Interclub or regional game play may be considered	Provincial competitions and larger scale events may return
Equipment	No shared equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal shared equipment Disinfect any shared equipment before, during and after use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some shared equipment Enhanced cleaning protocols in place 	Shared equipment

Enter Plan Comments

Phase 2

SOMHA is confident that we can meet the guidelines that have been mandated by Hockey Canada/BC Hockey, all levels of government and Provincial and Local authorities.

When moving into the next phase, SOMHA will consult with the local arenas and other governing bodies to ensure the continued compliance with the Return to Sport plan.

Return to Hockey Plan - Phase 2

Category	Transition Measures	Compliance Plans	
		Member Overview	Facility Overview
Restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain physical distance (2 metres) <input type="checkbox"/> No non-essential travel <input type="checkbox"/> No groups over 50 people	Maintain the physical distancing requirements and when cannot be achieved masks will be worn. No more than 48 individuals will be in the facility at all times.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos arenas
Enhanced Protocols	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased hand hygiene <input type="checkbox"/> Symptom screening in place	Coaching staff will encourage and oversee hand sanitization when participants have started/ended physical activities. All individuals will be screened prior to entering facility and responsible for own equipment. No sharing of equipment.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos arenas
Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor activities recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor facilities slowly re-opening	Dryland will be done outside whenever possible with physical distancing measures in place with physical distancing measures in place.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos arenas
Participants	<input type="checkbox"/> Small groups <input type="checkbox"/> No or limited spectators	Participants are required to keep the 3m distancing at all times	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos arenas
Activities (Contact to non-contact)	<input type="checkbox"/> No contact should occur <input type="checkbox"/> Non-contact alternative training <input type="checkbox"/> Fundamental movement & training	No contact - all activities will maintain the 3 meter distancing. All training and drills will be designed to maintain physical distancing. No contact permitted.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos arenas
Competition	<input type="checkbox"/> In member activity <input type="checkbox"/> Modified non-contact game play	Team specific for each session.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos arenas
Equipment and Surfaces (facility)	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal shared equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfect shared equipment and surfaces before, during and after activity	No sharing of equipment or water bottles. Players must come with water bottles filled. Coaches are required to disinfect common gear after every practice (pucks, boards, etc) Players should disinfect own gear after each session (gloves, stick, helmets, etc).	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos arenas

Enter Phase 2 Plans

- *Communications officer in conjunction with the Return to Play Committee will have ongoing communication with SOMHA Executive, facilities, coaching staff and families.
- *Continually review and follow all levels of government, local and provincial health authorities, Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and OMAHA safety guidelines and amend the plan whenever required.
- *Continue to have dialogue with the Town of Osoyoos and Oliver Parks & Rec regarding facility safety.
- *Ensure that coaches, managers and HCSP have monthly meetings to go over the COVID protocols.
- *Ensure parents are educated on player equipment hygiene and BC Hockey illness protocols.
- *HCSP will ensure illness protocols and return to play guidelines are adhered to under the direction of SOMHA's Risk Manager Director.
- *U13 and up players can use dressing rooms for practices and masks are mandatory as well as physical distancing. Must leave facility within 15 minutes of event ending.
- *U11 and down players must come to the facility dressed and masks are mandatory. Players will be able to have someone assist putting on skates and helmets. Masks are mandatory for anyone who enters the facility.
- *Attendance will be taken at every event to assist with contact tracing.
- *Physical distancing of 3 metres will be adhered to on and off the ice. Masks will be used whenever social distancing is not possible. If player is injured, masks and gloves MUST be worn by coaching staff/HCSP.
- *Isolation room is identified in Oliver as Female dressing room. Osoyoos is TBD.
- *Best practices for hygiene will be followed - washing hands, sanitizing equipment, no spitting at all.
- *Water bottles must be labelled and filled for each practice. Washed after every practice. No sharing.
- *Activities will be limited to hockey skills training that meets the 2 meter physical distancing.
- *Dryland training will adhere to all of the same hygiene and distancing guidelines.
- *Ensure parents are educated on player equipment hygiene and BC Hockey illness protocols.
- *Parents of U7 are deemed essential. They must wear masks and physically distance in the stands.
- *Attendance will be taken at every event to assist with contract tracing -all teams have been provided with google forms for their team.

☒ This step complete

Return to Hockey Plan - Phase 3

		Compliance Plans	
Category	Progressively Loosen	Member Overview	Facility Overview
Restrictions	Refer to Public Health Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Physical distancing <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Group size / gathering guidelines	Maintain the physical distancing requirements and when cannot be achieved masks will be worn.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos Arena
Enhanced Protocols	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased hand hygiene <input type="checkbox"/> Symptom screening <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of Training Activities	Coaching staff will encourage and oversee hand sanitization when participants have started/ended physical activities. All individuals will be screened prior to entering facility via Google Docs and responsible for their own equipment. No sharing of equipment. Coaching staff/volunteer will be required to ensure participants are wearing masks while in the dressing rooms when not meeting physical distancing requirements.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos Arena
Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor activities <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor activities	Dry land will be done outside whenever possible with physical distancing measures in place.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos Arena
Participants	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased group sizes <input type="checkbox"/> Spectator limitations	One guardian per child permitted in the facility and everyone who enters facility must wear masks..	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos Arena
Activities (Contact to non-contact)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pair or small group contact skills	Contact permitted within own cohort. All off ice drills will be designed to maintain physical distancing and will be done outside/area approved by facility.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos Arena
Competition	<input type="checkbox"/> Inter-member game play <input type="checkbox"/> Regional / District game play considered	As permitted by Hockey Canada/BC Hockey & OMAHA.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos Arena
Equipment and Surfaces (facility)	<input type="checkbox"/> Some shared equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfect shared equipment and surfaces before, during and after activity	No sharing of equipment or water bottles. Players must come with water bottles filled. Coaches are required to disinfect common gear after ever practice (pucks, boards, etc). Players should disinfect gear after each session.	See attached from Oliver/Osoyoos Arena

Enter Phase 3 Plans

Will be reviewed once information is received from facilities, local/provincial health authorities, various levels of government and BC Hockey, Hockey Canada and OMAHA.

- *Communications Officer with feedback and input from the Return to Play Committee will have ongoing communication with the SOMHA Executive, facilities, coaching staff and families.
- *Continually review and follow all levels of government - local and provincial health authorities, Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and OMAHA safety guidelines and amend the plan when required.
- *Continue to have dialogue with the Town of Osoyoos and Oliver Parks and Rec regarding facility safety.
- *Ensure that coaches, managers, and HCSP have monthly meetings to go over COVID protocols.
- *Ensure parents are educated on player equipment hygiene and BC Hockey illness protocols.
- *HCSP will ensure illness protocols and return to play guidelines are adhered to under the direction of SOMHA's Risk Manager Director.
- *U13 and up players can use dressing rooms for practices/games and masks are mandatory. Must leave facility within 15 minutes of event ending. For games the facilities are allowing U13 and up to enter the facility 30 min before the game and use dressing rooms - masks are mandatory. Must leave facility within 15 minutes of the game.
- *U11 and down players must come to the facility dressed and masks are mandatory. Players will be able to have someone assist putting on skates and helmets. Masks are mandatory for anyone who enters the facility.
- *Parents of U7 are deemed essential. They must wear masks and physically distance in the stands.
- *Game Day Essential personnel are: Players, Coaches, Officials, Timekeepers, Referee in Chief, Team Manager, HCSP, Covid Ambassador and Videographer.
- *Attendance will be taken at every event to assist with contact tracing -all teams have been provided with google forms for their team.
- *All visiting teams must provide a contact tracing form to the COVID Ambassador/manager from the home team. These forms must be kept on file for 30 days.
- *One guardian per child will be allowed to enter facility during practices. Must maintain physical distancing from other patrons and mask are mandatory. (This is only in effect when there are no PHO restricting it).
- *Physical distancing of 2 meters must be adhered to off the playing-field which is outlined in VIA Sport. Masks MUST be worn whenever physical distancing is not possible. If a player is injured, masks and gloves MUST be worn by coaching staff/HCSP.
- *Isolation room in Oliver is identified as a Female dressing room. Osoyoos is TBD.
- *Best practices for hygiene will be followed- washing hands, sanitizing equipment, no spitting at all.
- *Water bottles must be labelled and filled for practice. Washed after every practice. No sharing.
- *Dryland training will adhere to all of the same hygiene requirements.

☒ This step complete

Return to Hockey Plan - Phase 4

Category	New Normal	Compliance Plans	
		Member Overview	Facility Overview
Restrictions	Refer to Public Health Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Physical distancing <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Group size / gathering guidelines		
Enhanced Protocols	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased hand hygiene		
Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor activities <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor activities		
Participants	<input type="checkbox"/> Large groups allowed <input type="checkbox"/> No restrictions for spectators		
Activities (Contact to non-contact)	<input type="checkbox"/> No restrictions		
Competition	<input type="checkbox"/> Provincial competitions <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale events		
Equipment and Surfaces (facility)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shared equipment		

Enter Phase 4 Plans

Will be reviewed once information is received from facilities, local/provincial health authorities, various levels of government and BC Hockey, Hockey Canada and OMAHA.

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Reporting and Compliance

Prior to Season – Reporting and Compliance

- ☐ Communications Officer was established
- ☐ 'Return to Hockey' plan created and shared to all relevant parties
- ☐ Protocols have been established with all relevant facilities
- ☐ Orientation with parents / guardians, volunteers, officials and facilities has occurred
- ☐ Policies are in place regarding registration, refunds and other administrative processes

Phase 2: Transition Measures – Reporting and Compliance

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

- ☐ Physical Distancing (2 metres)
- ☐ Gathering and group sizes (No greater than 50)
- ☐ Travel (no non-essential travel / single member programming)

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

- ☐ Increased hygiene measures
- ☐ Symptom screening

Programming has been delivered within guidelines regarding participants:

- ☐ Small group activities
- ☐ No spectators or limited spectators (within all previous guidelines)

Programming has been delivered under the following activity and competition protocols:

- ☐ Fundamental movement skills
- ☐ Modified training activities and drills
- ☐ No contact between participants during any activities
- ☐ Modified play introduced, if applicable (adhering to all other Phase 2 guidelines)
- ☐ Minimal shared equipment and procedure for disinfecting before, during and after activity

Enter notes on successes during Phase 2

Enter notes on challenges during Phase 2

Phase 3: Progressively Loosen – Reporting and Compliance

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

- ☐ Physical Distancing (TBD)
- ☐ Gathering and group sizes (TBD)
- ☐ Travel (TBD)

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

- ☐ Increased hygiene measures
- ☐ Symptom screening, if applicable

Programming has been delivered within guidelines regarding participants:

- ☐ Group sizes
- ☐ Spectator limitations

Programming has been delivered under the following activity and competition protocols:

- ☐ Expanding training activities
- ☐ Pair or small group contact skills
- ☐ Inter-member game play (adhering to all other Phase 3 guidelines)
- ☐ Inter-region / district game play (adhering to all other Phase 3 guidelines)

Enter notes on successes during Phase 3

Enter notes on challenges during Phase 3

Phase 4: New Normal – Reporting and Compliance

Enter Comments regarding implementation of Phase 4

APENDIX

Facility Guideline Requirements



What facility guidelines and requirements are in place specific to physical distancing?

Osoyoos

- Physical distance markers will be in place on the floor and outside the arena.
- Players will go to marked seating locations at the U11 and below level.
- Seats to be used to tie skates, fasten helmets, remove skate guards, etc.
- **One parent/adult per participant permitted to attend with the requirement to maintain physical distancing at all times. Seating will be identified.**

Oliver

- There will be directional arrows on the floor, but the general rule is that all players, parents, coaches etc. must walk around the rink in clockwise;
- Masks are required if the 6-foot social distancing cannot be adhered to, no exceptions.
- Stickers on the boards or glass so players can see where they need to stand for social distancing or even will put dots in the ice if we think that would help the coaches.



**Hockey Game Rules
Sun Bowl Arena
Teams within a Cohort
October 21, 2020**

1. Doors will remain locked at all times.
2. Facility users will not be allowed in the building until their Covid ambassador has arrived.
3. Arena staff will open doors for ambassador 15 minutes prior to rental start time.
4. All participants must change in the designated seating locations.
5. Dressing rooms are open. If dressing rooms are needed notification should be identified during booking.
6. Patrons must sit in designated marked seating locations inside dressing rooms.
7. If physical distancing cannot be maintained in the dressing room you have to wear a mask.
8. Coaches, managers and other personnel must wear masks while on the bench.
9. Dressing room showers are not permitted at this time.
10. Public nudity is not permitted in designated changing areas – undergarments to be worn at all times.
11. All participants must vacate the facility 15 minutes after rental has ended so that areas of the arena can be cleaned and disinfected prior to the next group arriving.
12. No spectators during games.

Maximum Occupancy Per Event: 50



OLIVER & DISTRICT ARENA COVID-19 GUIDELINES

All ice times must be booked through the Recreation Administration Office at 250-498-4985 with proper permit, proof of liability insurance and COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. No ice times will be accepted at the arena. All bookings will have a required gap (minimum 30 min to a maximum of 60 min) between sessions in order for staff to clean the ice, sanitize high touch areas and ensure adequate air exchange between events. Facility staff will clean public washrooms, lobby and arena spaces periodically. Dressing rooms will be cleaned/disinfected between each use.

General Guidelines

No one shall enter the facility if they exhibit symptoms consistent with respiratory illness (fever, cough), have been instructed to self-isolate or have returned from travel outside of Canada within 14 days.

A COVID Ambassador be assigned and be a visible presence (e.g. arm band signifier): this volunteer/parent/coach or instructor would oversee adherence to the return to sport plan, ensure COVID protocols are being followed, and would monitor PSO/LSO updates. Onsite, the Ambassador is also expected to monitor COVID safety plan compliance with the visiting team should that team not have a COVID Ambassador present.

Assigned arena entrance doors will open 15 minutes before ice rental unless otherwise authorized. Exterior doors will remain locked once all participants are in the arena.

Participants must come dressed in as much equipment as possible to reduce required time in the facility. Players will enter and go directly to pre-determined dressing rooms.

2m/6ft physical distance between individuals is required at all times in all places except when on the field of play (ice surface, player's benches, penalty box). Players in the same cohort must also maintain physical distance with those in their cohort when outside of the field of play (e.g., dressing rooms, staging areas, etc.).

The use of masks/face coverings is mandatory in the Oliver Arena where physical distancing cannot be maintained including all common areas of the facility (lobby, hallways, washrooms, stands).

Please wash your hands. Use the sanitizing station at entrance and the sinks in the arena washrooms.

The **size** of the ice sport group for each "event" (i.e. practice, game, lesson) depends on the number of individuals required for that event. The PHO Order [Gatherings and Events](#) (the Order) specifies who is considered essential event personnel: event staff, volunteers, the members of a team, team managers, coaches, referees, time keepers, score keepers, and staff associated. The group size maximum must be agreed upon with Oliver Parks and Recreation and outlined in the user group's COVID Safety Plan.

Volunteers who form part of the essential event personnel could include: one responsible adult, if required, for each child 9 years of age and under; or one responsible adult for a person who requires special assistance in order to participate. Parents and care-givers who are not volunteers are spectators and fall into the "patron" category of the Order. Volunteer positions must align with the ice sport organizations' protocols for establishing these roles (e.g. requirement of a criminal record check).

Patrons (spectators) are individuals who attend an event but are not essential event personnel. **Spectators are not permitted in the Oliver Arena at this time.** User groups are encouraged to investigate live-streaming opportunities and discuss this with Management.

Access to the Facility

All public skating and recreation based lesson programs will use the main entrance to the arena and will exit out of the doors at the west end of the facility.

All ice sport group participants will use their assigned entrance to the arena (southeast corner or lobby) and exit out of the doors at the west end of the facility. Participants occupying dressing rooms 5 & 6 may exit directly out of the dressing room exterior doors to the parking lot.

Dressing rooms/lobby are open for use. Player dressing rooms and lobby benches have signage/markers to indicate seating for proper social distancing.

Warm up activities must take place outside or in assigned dressing rooms.

At the end of the session, participants must exit the ice on time so that the next group can start on time. Showers are not available unless requested by a user group who demonstrates through their submitted safety plan how distancing will be maintained and the dressing rooms vacated within 15 minutes of the end of the ice time.

All participants must depart from the building through the exit doors at the West end of the arena (avoiding entry points) within 15 minutes following the end of ice time.

On Ice Procedure

Ice capacity for all public skating and recreation-based lesson programs is 22 including instructors and attendant.

Activities on the ice must follow sport-specific safety guidelines from viaSport, affiliated PSO or CARHA.

Gloves and equipment left on at all times when applicable.

Spitting in not allowed anywhere in the facility and will not be tolerated

No handling of pucks, coaches to pick up pucks at end of session.

Compliance

All user groups must abide by both the Facility guidelines and policies as well as their own safety plan. Failure to do so will result in:

- A .Management issuing a verbal warning for first offence.
- B. Management issuing a written warning for second offence.
- C. Loss of recreation facility privileges