



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

This step complete

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.

This step complete

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?

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

- Are masks required when entering the facility? Yes No

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Main Lobby |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Team, Officials' or alternate (accessibility) dressing room(s) & showers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Observations or Spectator areas |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Washrooms |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Area designated for isolation <input type="text" value="Oliver Isolation area female dressing room"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Ice surface or surfaces (ex. Rink 1) <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Other <input type="text"/> |

- 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)

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

Masks mandatory

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

*Anyone who is 12 or older must wear a masks when not on the playing field.
*One parent/guardian per play allowed in the facility - siblings only allowed if they do not put the capacity over 50 during practices. Doors will be manned by COVID Ambassadors who will ensure that there are under 50 spectators for practice. During games COVID Ambassador will check vaccine passports. It is the same parent/guardian per player for the entire event.

- Shower and Washroom facilities

Washrooms will be open with sanitation of the areas occuring 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.*

This step complete

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):

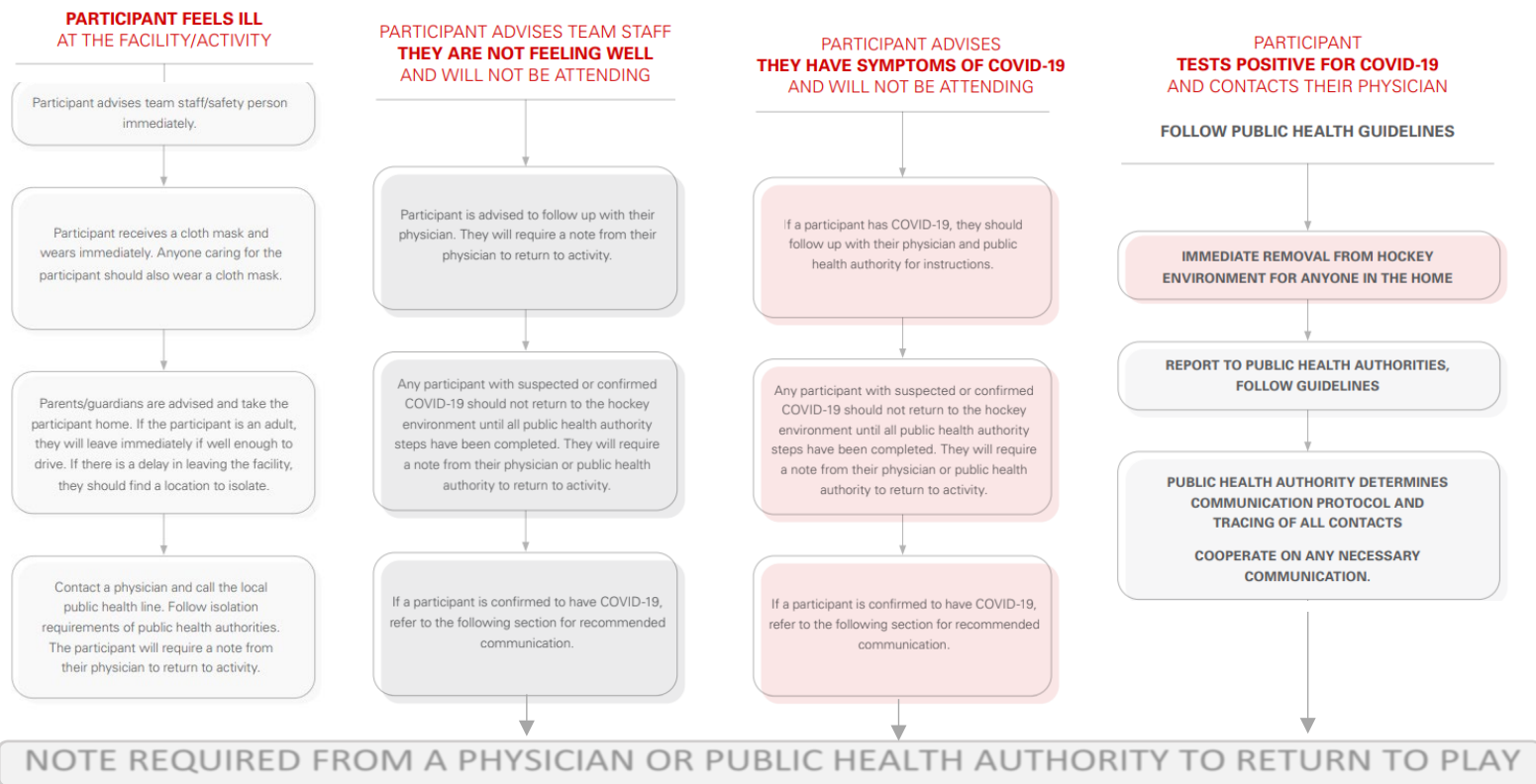
- Pre-registration for all activities or programs (e.g. no on-site payments)
- Payment policy is flexible to make activities or programming accessible
- Refund policies in place, communicated and flexible (ex. Dependant upon illness)
- Ensure that all participants that are unwell or displaying symptoms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

- This step complete

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



(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

	Stricest 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 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 Manger Director.
- *Masks are mandatory for anyone who enters the facility.
- *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.
- *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.

This step complete

Return to Hockey Plan - Phase 3

Category	Progressively Loosen	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	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.
- *Anyone who is 12 or older must wear a masks when not on the playing field.
- *One parent/guardian per play allowed in the facility during practices - siblings only allowed if they do not put the capacity over 50. Doors will be manned by COVID Ambassadors who will ensure that there are under 50 spectators for practice. During games COVID Ambassador will check vaccine passports. It is the same parent/guardian per player for the entire event.
- *A parent that is required to help their child (U5, U7, U9) get dressed, is allowed in to help their child, but they are not permitted in the stands to watch without a valid vaccination passport.. They must wear masks while in change rooms - players at the U7 and U9 levels are encouraged to come to the arena dressed.
- *Game Day Essential personnel are: Players, Coaches, Officials, Timekeepers, Referee in Chief, Team Manager, HCSP, Covid Ambassador and Videographer.
- *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.
- *Covid symptoms - If you are experiencing any Covid symptoms please stay home and update your coach/manager as required.

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.

This step complete

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



SOMHA COVID Protocols at Osoyoos and Oliver Arenas

Masks are required for all people over the age of 12 except when on the ice. Parents of player U9 and younger may assist their child to get ready but then become a spectator.

Each team will be required have **2 COVID ambassadors** which will be visible to arena attendants and spectators. SOMHA will be providing each team with a signifier. The Covid Ambassador is required to ensure compliance with SOMHA's COVID Safety Plan.

Essential People

Essential People please do not enter facility until 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

Players, Coaches, Safety Person, Managers, Referees, Timekeepers are considered essential and do not need provide proof of vaccination to participate in practices or games.

Players, Coaches and other essential people must leave the facility no more than thirty minutes following the conclusion of the event (practice/game).

Rational: This follows the guidelines set by interior health, via sport, and BC Hockey to ensure youth sport returns. This is covered in the sports tab in the interior health link. <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/provincial-and-regional-restrictions/>

Spectators

Spectators please do not enter facility until 5 minutes prior to scheduled time.

Practices

Spectators will **NOT** require proof of vaccination but are limited to 50 people not included those deemed essential above. We ask that only one parent per family attend practices to ensure that numbers do not exceed the 50-person limit. Records of attendance will be based on team rosters. The COVID ambassador will be responsible to maintain a count and ensure attendees can be associated to a rostered player.

Spectators must leave the facility immediately following the practice.

Rational: Practices are confined to one team, many parents carpool and generally the numbers in attendance are low. Under the sports section in link to the Interior health restrictions specifically states that "Spectators at non ticketed youth events like hockey practices do not require showing proof of vaccination"

<https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/provincial-and-regional-restrictions/>

Games

Facilities will operate at 50% capacity and all spectators **MUST** provide proof of double vaccination, this includes 50/50 and music people. Each team needs COVID ambassadors at the door checking vaccine passports. To facilitate checking passport and keeping count we will be using the main entrance at both arenas as the only point of entry for spectators. All other doors will be exit only. If someone refuses to show a vaccination passport and enters the arena do not engage, record their appearance, and contact the RCMP.

Spectators must leave the facility immediately following the game.

Rational: Games are sanctioned and scheduled events. Games typically attract a larger number of people. Event status will allow us to operate at 50% capacity, (Oliver 200, and Osoyoos 400). Teams typically come from other towns in the interior health region, so it should be expected that we would have spectators from other towns entering the arena. Games would fall into the organized event category. <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/provincial-and-regional-restrictions/>



OLIVER & DISTRICT ARENA COVID-19 Guidelines

All ice times must be booked through the Recreation Administration Office at 250-498-4985 EXT:203 with proper permit, proof of liability insurance and COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. No ice time requests will be accepted at the arena Facility staff will clean public washrooms, lobby and arena spaces periodically. Dressing rooms will be cleaned/disinfected between each user group.

General Guideline

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.

The use of masks/face coverings is mandatory for all visitors to the Oliver Arena aged 10years and up in all common areas with the exception of the ice surface or “field of play”. Common areas of the facility includes entrances/exits, dressing rooms, lobby, hallways, washrooms, and the bleachers.

A COVID Ambassador for each user group must be assigned and be a visible presence (e.g. arm band signifier): this volunteer/parent/coach or instructor would oversee adherence to these guidelines, the group’s 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.

As per the Sept 13 Gatherings and Events Order from the Province of BC, proof of vaccination is now required in order to enter the Oliver Arena to participate in any indoor sport (adults 22 yrs+) and to attend an organized indoor gathering/event of more than 50 people (12 yrs+). Adults aged 22 and over who are participating in indoor sport activities power must show proof of vaccination prior to entering the Oliver Arena in accordance with the BC PHO and IHA requirements.

Youth sports participants (21 years and under) and on ice support staff Officials, coaches and volunteers on the field of play are exempt from proof of vaccination for all age groups.

Sports participants over 22 years, must show proof of vaccination (minimum one dose) until Oct. 24, 2021 as per the requirements of the [BC Vaccine Card](#) after which two doses will be required.

Anyone aged 12 years and over must show proof of full vaccination to attend an indoor gathering, sport event or ticketed sport event of 50 or more people.

From the PHO and IHA Orders, indoor sport activities can have 50 spectators or 50% seated capacity, whichever is greater. The Oliver Arena has a normal seating capacity of 400 people, so the maximum number of spectators is 200 people.

All spectators aged 12 years and over who are attending indoor gatherings, youth sport events or ticketed sport events with 50 or more people must provide proof of Vaccination to enter the facility.

Assigned arena entrance doors will open 30 minutes before ice rental unless otherwise authorized. Physical devices, markers or signage will be used to guide assist participants in maintaining a distance of two meters from other participants, in common areas.

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

Access to the Facility

All minor sport participants will use the main lobby for entrance/exit to the arena. All adult sport group participants can use the southeast corner entrance/ exit. 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. Masks are required in these areas for anyone 12 years and over.

At the end of the session, participants must exit the ice on time so that the next group can start on time. Dressing rooms must be vacated within 30 minutes of the end of the user group's ice time.

On Ice Procedure

There are no capacity limits for the number of participants on the ice surface/ "field of play".

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

Spitting in not allowed anywhere in the facility, no exceptions. Tobacco products are prohibited.

All user groups must comply with the instructions from Oliver Arena Facility staff and ensure that no one is on the field of play when the ice resurfacer is out on the ice.

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