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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

From the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, Hockey PEI established COVID-related Return to Hockey plans for our sport based on the guidance and requirements of the Government of PEI and The Chief Public Health Office. As Hockey PEI prepares for the 2021-22 season, our planning continues to be based on current direction from those bodies. That also means we will adapt to any new directions that may be provided if circumstances change in PEI.

Hockey PEI members will be asked to understand and adhere to the following documents and guidelines:



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SECTION 2

OPERATIONAL PLANS / COHORTS

As requested by the Chief Public Health office, all facilities must have an operational plan submitted to the Chief Public Health Office in accordance with the Governing Documentation prior to allowing any off- or on-ice activity.

In summary, the guidance indicates all arenas must continue to follow their 2020-21 approved operational plans for the time being with the following updates:

Indoor cohorts are now set at 100 as opposed to 50. If you were approved for 2 cohorts of 50 spectators, then they can all be included as one cohort. If you were approved for 3 cohorts of 50 spectators, you can now have 1 cohort of 100 and a second cohort of 50 but the two cohorts must be separated. If you were approved for less than 100 spectators, then you can have one cohort up to that number. Physical distancing is still required within the spectating areas of the facility.

On-ice cohorts should continue to arrive at the facility up to 30 minutes before their ice time and leave as quickly as possible after their ice time. (Arena's can set their time)

There isn't a need to be as strict with cohorts mixing around the washrooms and entrances/exits. There should still be efforts made for people to keep physical distancing and not to "crowd" in areas that tended to be congested in the past (lobbies, washrooms, etc.)

**ALL NEW OPERATIONAL PLANS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:
CPHO: envhealth@ihis.org**

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SECTION 3

CONTACT TRACING

Contact tracing is still a requirement as is the need to have the group of spectators who are watching the game/practice/session vacate the facility before the next group enters (otherwise the contact tracing isn't effective). Spectators should continue to arrive just at the start time of the activity.

All players, coaches, officials and spectators must be tracked and that information must be stored for 30 days for the purposes of potential contact tracing.

Those participating or attending a Hockey PEI activity are required to pre-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to arriving at the activity; by attending, that participant is acknowledging that they pass the screening requirements and are showing no sign of COVID-19 symptoms.



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SECTION 3

MASKS & HYGIENE

All of the following measures are mandatory and are in place to reduce the risk of transmission where possible:

MASKS:

It is recommended that any spectator of Hockey PEI activities wear a non-medical mask when entering and exiting the facility or in areas where social distancing is not possible.

- **PLAYERS:** It is mandatory that all PLAYERS wear a non-medical mask while entering the facility, while inside the dressing room, while exiting the facility AND where social distancing cannot take place at any and all Hockey PEI sanctioned events.
- **TEAM STAFF:** It is mandatory that all TEAM STAFF wear a non-medical mask while entering the facility, while inside the dressing room, while on the players bench, while exiting the facility AND where social distancing cannot take place at any and all Hockey PEI sanctioned events.
- **OFFICIALS:** It is mandatory that all on-ice and off-ice OFFICIALS wear a non-medical mask while entering the facility, while inside the dressing room, while in the timekeepers box, while exiting the facility AND where social distancing cannot take place at any and all Hockey PEI sanctioned events.
- **SPECTATORS:** It is recommended that all SPECTATORS wear a non-medical mask while entering the facility, while moving throughout the facility (Washroom, canteen), while exiting the facility AND where social distancing cannot take place at any and all Hockey PEI sanctioned events.

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HYGIENE

- When applying the mask in the dressing room post-game or practice: First wash/sanitize hands and wash face with a clean cloth before applying.
- Each participant must have their own water bottle (marked and named) and hand sanitizer;
- Ensure equipment is sanitized and cleaned prior to and following each session;
- Do not spit, blow nose freely, or release any bodily fluid anywhere in a facility due to a high risk of virus transfer.
- Please, no yelling as it increases the risk of transmission.
- No spitting is permitted at any time.
 - If a team is warned multiple times about spitting, officials will assess an Unsportsmanlike Conduct minor penalty Rule 9.2(a).
- As always, if you are feeling unwell, STAY HOME.



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INTERPROVINCIAL PLAY & TOURNAMENTS

INTERPROVINCIAL TRAVEL is permitted as long as government restrictions allow. Members must follow all travel restrictions set out by the provincial government and must hold a valid PEI Pass. Travel Permit forms also must be issued to the Hockey PEI Office and teams must receive approval prior to travelling off island.

TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING is now permitted for the 2021-22 season. Host Committees can submit their Tournament Application form to the Hockey PEI Office for approval. All tournaments must follow current CPHO guidelines surrounding indoor gatherings and sporting events.



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