



RETURN TO HOCKEY

Safety guidelines are now available via the links below from the Government of British Columbia, viaSport (on behalf of the BC Sport Sector) and Hockey Canada. These resources are meant to provide an introduction on how to prepare your Minor Hockey Association or League for a safe return to hockey.

The Safety Protocols produced by Hockey Canada are this first of many resources to be released, with additional guidelines in the following areas of focus: *Customer Engagement, Regulations, Officiating, Coaching, Seasonal Structure, Delivery Model, Registration, Events, High Performance Hockey, National Teams and Marketing & Communications.*

Next step(s) for BC Hockey members should be focused upon reviewing and applying these resources to their own association or league return to hockey plan that best prepares their particular participants and complies to expectations.



	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 closed 	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

Checklist to Success

- Review & Follow
 - Provincial/territorial health authority guidelines
 - Local health authority guidelines
 - Hockey Canada Member guidelines
- Plan
 - Assign someone to monitor updates
 - Meet with your facility
 - Team staff clarifies responsibilities specific to practices
 - Arrival at facility organized to meet guidelines
 - Hygiene requirements
 - Physical distancing in the facility
 - Guidelines around dressing rooms and showers
 - Physical distancing during on-ice sessions
 - Requirements for parents/guardians at the facility
 - Departure from facility organized to meet guidelines
 - Procedure if participant is sick
- Meet with Parents/Guardians/Participants
 - Overview of what to expect
 - Safety steps put in place
 - Their role in creating a safe and healthy environment
- At the Facility
 - Practice physical distancing
 - Practice responsible hygiene
 - Follow public health authority guidelines
 - Follow Member and facility guidelines
 - Have fun!



Personal Hygiene:	Stay Home if You Are Sick:	Environmental Hygiene:	Safe Social Interactions:	Physical Modifications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent handwashing Cough into your sleeve Wear a non-medical mask No handshaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine daily screening Anyone with any symptoms must stay away from others Returning travellers must self-isolate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More frequent cleaning Enhance surface sanitation in high touch areas Touch-less technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with small numbers of people Maintain distance between you and people Size of room: the bigger the better Outdoor over indoor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spacing within rooms or in transit Room design Plexiglass barriers Movement of people within spaces