



March 6, 2020

ALL:

As I am sure you have heard by now, the Coronavirus has dominated the headlines in the news, and now more recently in our Hockey Community.

There are several players in the Westchester area, from several Associations, who have been quarantined. Of those players, only one (1) as of now has tested positive for the Coronavirus COVID-19.

The player who tested positive is on the Scarsdale Association Bantam B team. Scarsdale has decided that it is in everyone's best interest for it to shut down its operations for the entire weekend, and possibly beyond.

Teams that have been in contact with Scarsdale's Bantam B team within the last 14 days should consider not playing this weekend, and advise their players and coaches to get medically evaluated should they not feel well. If you are feeling unwell, questions about the virus can be directed to the NYS Department of Health's Coronavirus Hotline, at 888-364-3065; 833-626-7662; and 855-626-4437.

Each Association is encouraged to proceed cautiously with its hockey operations, and if that means canceling games and/or practices and other events, they should do so accordingly without negative judgment regarding that decision.

If games are to be played, any player presenting cold or flu-like symptoms should not participate. NYS Hockey and USA Hockey also suggest the following safety measures:

- Practice frequent and meticulous handwashing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and/or sneezing with a tissue or flexed elbow;
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms;
- Quarantine anyone who is sick (players, coaches, parents, roommates);
- Ensure safe food sources - - thoroughly cook meat and eggs;
- Handshake lines after games should include fist bumps with gloves on;
- Use individual water bottles - - do not share them; and
- Towels should not be shared in any way.

Three rinks in our area have closed in order to perform a thorough cleaning/sanitizing of their facility: Ebersole, Murrays, and WSA in Elmsford.

Ebersole closed today and will reopen tomorrow morning;
Murrays is closed for the weekend; and
WSA is closed tonight and tomorrow, and will reopen Sunday morning.

I will continue to monitor the situation and send out announcements as needed. I ask each Association President, should any of your members be quarantined, to email me and let me know so I can keep track as to who may be affected.

If you have any questions or information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Very Truly Yours,



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