



Hutchinson Hockey Association COVID-19 Preparedness Plan *Updated 12.18.20*

The Hutchinson Hockey Association (HHA) has implemented guidelines to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. These guidelines are taken from strategies set forth by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and its Guidance for Social Distancing in youth sports, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), USA Hockey, MN Hockey, and other local governing bodies. The HHA will continue to update its COVID-19 Preparedness Plan as new guidelines are announced. The HHA requires each of its members to follow these guidelines.

The information in the Preparedness Plan is not intended to be a substitute for any diagnosis, treatment of other professional medical advice. The information surrounding COVID-19 is constantly changing and HHA makes no representation and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in this Preparedness Plan. However, HHA will continue to do its best to update this plan. Questions or concerns regarding this plan should be directed to Josh Karg, HHA President at 320.552.3513 or jkarg@heartlandag.com or Kati Katzenmeyer, HHA Vice President at 612.819.6339 or kati.katzenmeyer@gmail.com.

For any questions about COVID-19 protocol and tracing, please contact Dr. Erin Knudtson, Special Events Coordinator serving as the HHA COVID Lead at 651.491.7465 or emknudtson@gmail.com.

MN Hockey and District 5 have both indicated that the season will progress as scheduled unless the state mandates youth sports, or specifically, youth hockey, be cancelled. MN Hockey released their Phase 3 plan, including the following guidelines. For a full list of MN Hockey's return to play guidelines, visit: <https://hutchhockey.pucksystems.com/covid>.

QUICK HITS

HHA expects these minimum expectations are followed by all players, coaches and spectators to ensure we remain as safe as possible:

1. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** for spectators, volunteers, and coaches always while in arena.
2. Any players, coaches or spectators **exhibiting symptoms** or signs of an illness **should not be in the facility at any point**. Players or coaches with any risk factors or illnesses should not participate in any on-ice activity.
3. Players **are required** to wear mask while entering and exiting arena. Players can remove mask for on-ice activities.
4. All participants must be USA Hockey registered for the 2020-21 season to participate in any MN Hockey sanctioned on-ice activity.
5. No one may **enter the arena until 10 minutes before** the scheduled ice time, and everyone must **exit within 10 minutes** of the end of the ice time.

6. Players, Officials, and Coaches should **arrive full dressed**, except helmets, skates and gloves. Goalies must come half dressed. There is a small area for putting skates on. **No bags (except for goalies) are allowed in building.** Locker rooms are not available. Goalies will have a designated area for dressing in additional gear, as needed.
7. Bring bottle and drink from home water fountains are turned **OFF** inside the arena. Bottle must be clearly marked with player's name and team.
8. **There should not be interaction between two groups.** Please maintain a distance of 6' and stay in the correct designated area.
9. No spectators in arenas for Phase 1 with two exceptions:
 - One parent will be allowed at the Mite/8U levels and below
 - Up to two people may be allowed to live stream games
10. No dryland activities will be permitted inside arenas.

BURICH ARENA PREPAREDNESS PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

HHA continues to work closely with the Burich Arena. Both the HHA and the Burich Arena are committed to providing a safe and clean environment for those who enter and use their rinks. The subsequent rules need to be followed by all HHA members when using their facilities.

- **PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS**
 - Participants must arrive and exit the arena fully dressed except for skates; there will be chairs available in open areas to lace up and remove skates
 - Arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to scheduled ice time
 - After ice time concludes, participants must exit the building within 10 minutes
 - No bags allowed in building
 - Mask wearing required by everyone, except skaters on the ice
- **BUILDING ACCESS**
 - Drop off and enter through the main door(s) only
 - The main door(s) will be open 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time
 - Locker rooms and showers are not available
 - No spectators in arenas for Phase 1 with two exceptions: one parent will be allowed at the Mite/8U levels and below and a max of two people may be allowed to live stream games
 - Follow the signs for entry and exiting of the building
- **RESTRICTIONS**
 - No indoor dryland or weight room use is allowed
 - No open skate
 - No gathering or lingering in lobby area
 - Coaches/instructors responsible to ensure social distancing guidelines are being met

- No use of public drinking fountains
- No ice resurfacing will be permitted for the remainder of the season

MANAGING COVID-19 CASES

To help manage COVID-19 cases, we ask **a self-check should be performed by each member prior to participating in any HHA activities**. Refer to this [sample monitoring document](#) >

- If any of the following conditions exist, do not attend your HHA activity:
 - Recent contact with a known infected person(s)
 - Experiencing typical symptoms of the Covid-19 illness
 - If temperature is elevated, and a fever is suspected, do not come to the HHA event
- It is expected that families will provide the coaches and team manager(s) with accurate contact information for a responsible parent/guardian who:
 - Is always able to be reached during an HHA event in case of an emergency
 - Is available to immediately return to the rink if required
 - Is to be used for any contact tracing, in case of an emergency

EMERGENCY PLAN FOR POTENTIALLY SICK PLAYERS

- All HHA rostered teams will have a team manager and this person is the contact for anything COVID related for your team. This individual will need to complete the SafeSport and background check requirements as defined by USA Hockey. The role of the manager will include the following activities:
 - Ensure the team has an emergency plan for any positive cases within the team.
 - Maintain up-to-date contact information for all players, parents and coaches and be prepared to support local public health contact tracing efforts.
 - Be the point of contact to Erin Knudtson, HHA COVID Lead at 651.491.7465 or emknudtson@gmail.com for any positive or potential positive COVID cases.
 - Update the team on any changes in rink or facility COVID-specific plan changes or requirements.
 - Upon a positive test to a player or coach on their team, notify any opponents or teams that practiced or played with the infected player over the previous 14 days.
 - Will provide a contact email address for the scorebook that are turned into the District League Coordinator.
- In the event a player arrives at a facility and has an elevated temperature of 100.0 or higher, or in the event a player falls ill during an on-ice, off-ice or team activity, the player will be removed from the team and placed in a designated room with a supervising adult.
- The player's parent/guardian in the emergency contact listing will be contacted immediately to pick up the player.
- If a player/coach/parent is symptomatic and has taken a test, it is expected that the player removes themselves from all team activity until results are obtained.
- If a player tests positive for COVID, the family must report the positive result immediately to their team manager and/or Erin Knudtson, HHA COVID Lead by emailing emknudtson@gmail.com. The HHA will report the case to District 5, MDH and local health officials. HHA will then contact those who had been in contact with the player and will follow up

immediately with those identified on the contact list. ALL Team activities will be paused until local health officials and/or MDH is consulted.

- If a positive case is revealed on the team of an opponent, it is expected that the team monitor the health and temperatures of all involved very closely for 14 days.
- Prior to the start of the season, all coaches and team managers will be trained on how to handle COVID-related emergencies per MN Hockey guidelines.

COMMUNICATION AND PROTOCOL

- HHA will continue to update its members as to any changes to the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. As information and guidelines from MDH, the CDC, USA Hockey, and MN Hockey continue to change, HHA will do its best to promptly update its Preparedness Plan and notify its members.
- The plan supplements existing HHA policies, rules, procedures, and regulations. All current policies, rules, procedures, and regulations remain in full effect, except for instances where this plan directly contradicts another current policy, rule, procedure, or regulation. Therefore, users are encouraged to review all other such policies, rules, procedures, and regulations in conjunction with this plan.
- The HHA Preparedness Plan was communicated to all members as of September 23, 2020. Additional communication will be ongoing as the COVID-19 effects continue to evolve.
- Please visit our HHA website for the most current information:
<https://hutchhockey.pucksystems.com/covid>