



2021/22 Season Safety Plan

This Covid-19 Safety Plan will be considered an addendum to the existing safety plan in place for both the Seaforth Community Centre (Town of Seaforth). All members of Seaforth Minor Hockey Association are expected to familiarize themselves with the information contained in all aforementioned documents. This document will be reviewed as necessary as changes in protocols, policies and procedures may occur.

DISCLAIMER:

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Seaforth Minor Hockey requires every player age U5-U11 to be accompanied by an adult (a person aged 18+) into the facility.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an evolving situation – this plan will be reviewed regularly and changes made as required. Refer to the Ontario government's [COVID-19 website](#) for up-to-date information.

How will you ensure all members know how and are able to keep themselves safe from exposure to COVID-19?

Actions:

- Share information as it is received from the Huron East Municipality regarding mandates in place at the arena via email, poste on social media and website.
- Circulate the latest updates on any new or changes to existing policies and procedures from OMHA/Hockey Canada.
- Rely on leadership from the Huron East Municipality to provide signage within the facilities regarding social distancing, proper masking, proper hand hygiene; notify the Municipality if these things are missing.
- Require all coaching staff to complete the Covid training as mandated by OMHA.
- Daily Covid screening required via the SportsHeadz app posted on our website for all players/coaching staff. Each team will assign a Covid Officer to ensure all players and coaching have completed the required health check prior to all practices and games.
- A paper version will also be made accessible for those unfamiliar with the SportsHeadz app or a guest spectator of the event.



How will you screen for COVID-19?

Actions:

- To monitor the health of our players, coaching staff, board members, and spectators, we will require completion of a question-based screening via our SportsHeadz app or paper copy which is posted on our website.
- Maintain up to date screening questions in accordance with those set forth by Ministry of Health.
- Each team will be assigned a Covid Officer who will be tasked with checking each player and member of the coaching staff for completion of the screening every time they enter the arena.

*As of September 22, the Huron East Municipality in accordance with the Provincial regulations have mandated vaccines for entry. For more information please refer to the [Huron East Public Notice](#) found on our website

*As of October 31st the verification of vaccination for those eligible participants who wish to participate in SMHA activities is required from OMHA. As OMHA is our governing body we are bound to adhere to this policy. For more information please refer to the [OMHA Vaccine Policy V2](#) found on our website

How will you control the risk of transmission?

Actions:

- Adherence to arena protocols set by the Huron East Municipality regarding entry and exit points, amount of time allowed in the facility, and screening protocols.
- Bench staff required to wear a mask at all times.
- Masks in the change rooms are required – players and coaching staff may only remove their mask to put on their helmet and proceed to on-ice activities.
- Players are encouraged to social distance.
- Policy created to outline protocol for reporting risk of transmission and/or exposure; to be posted to our main website.
- Coaches are required to complete a Covid safety training as part of completing their credentials.

What will you do if there is a potential case, or suspected exposure to, COVID-19 within your association?

Actions:

While at the arena:

- Isolate suspected case within the change room; all other players are to exit the room.
- Facemasks to be worn at all times.
- Parent/Guardian to be contacted to immediately remove their child/ward from the arena.



- Coach to report the incident to the SMHA Executive Committee using the Covid Exposure Form (found on the website under Health and Safety).
- SMHA Executive to obtain a list of possible participants or spectators via the SportsHeadz App and paper option and refer to Public Health for risk assessment and next steps.
- SMHA Executive to notify the appropriate parties (Parents/Guardians, Arena Management, etc) based on Public Health's recommendation

Receive notification of a positive test:

- Follow direction as outlined in the Return to Hockey Framework.

How will you manage any new risks caused by changes to the way you operate?

Actions:

- Establish check ins with coaches to ensure they are aware of the protocols – to be done at the coaches meeting held at the beginning of the season.
- Review the Risk Management plan bi-monthly; update as necessary as changes occur.
- Maintain clear and present communication with the membership regarding updates.

How will you make sure your plan is working?

Actions:

- Maintain clear lines of communication with the Huron East Municipality representatives.
- Address any change quickly and post any changes to protocols or procedures as they arise.
- All reported incidents to be filed and maintained by the SMHA Executive.
- Standing monthly agenda item.