



HOCKEY CALGARY

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Date: February 27, 2017
To: Association President's & Administrators
From: Kevin Kobelka – Executive Director
CC: HC Board, HC Governors, HC League Chairs

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SUBJECT: Hand Shake Policy during Mumps Outbreak

This past week Hockey Alberta issued a bulletin highlighting the outbreak of mumps in Southern Alberta along with some safety steps to ensure prevention and spread of this illness. The safety steps highlighted were:

- Not sharing water bottles or drinks
- Covering ones mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Ensuring that participants are completely symptom free before returning to the rink

In an effort to further avoid the risk of spreading the illness Hockey Calgary requests the following:

- **When shaking hands at the completion of the game all players keep their gloves on and 'fist bump', the opposition versus the actual shaking of hands**

This is a small change, but we are hoping this will help to reduce the further spread of illness. This process is temporary in nature and will be in place until the completion of the 2016-17 season.

Thank you for your support of this initiative, we ask that you please ensure this is communicated to all team managers and coaches ASAP.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kobelka'.

Kevin Kobelka
Executive Director