



HOCKEY CALGARY

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Date: March 5, 2020
To: Association President's & Administrators
From: Kevin Kobelka – Executive Director
CC: HC Board, HC Governors, HC League Chairs

#2002

SUBJECT: Hand Shake Policy - Coronavirus

Last month Hockey Alberta issued a bulletin (see attached) highlighting some safety steps to ensure prevention and spread of illness during the Coronavirus crisis. Some of the safety steps highlighted were:

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

With today's announcement that the first case of Coronavirus has now been diagnosed in Calgary we want to ensure safety, therefore Hockey Calgary is requesting the following for all end of game procedures:

- **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 includes all coaches and officials.**

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 2019-20 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