



HOCKEY CALGARY

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Association President's & Administrators
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CC: HC Board, HC Governors, HC League Chairs

SUBJECT: Hockey Calgary COVID-19 Status – March 12 Update

In the last 24 hours there has been a lot of decisions made with regards to the operation of sports leagues across the country. Hockey Calgary and our Board of Directors is taking this very seriously, the plan is to provide the members a **daily update** on the status of our program and whether or not games will continue as per the schedule.

At this point we are closely watching what is going on in Alberta and taking direction from the governing bodies of Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta, along with Alberta Health.

Facts:

- Alberta Health still assesses the risk as very low
- 19 Reported cases in Alberta as of March 12 – 11:00 AM
 - o <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>
- Schools remain open in Calgary and area
- HC events are not classified as 'Mass Gatherings', less than 1000 people
- Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta have not directed Hockey Calgary to shut down events
- All city facilities remain open with extra pre-cautions on cleanliness being taken
 - o <https://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/cema/Pages/Response-to-Coronavirus.aspx>
 - o <https://www.winsport.ca/aboutwinsportcanada/policies/exclusionofliability.cfm#covid19>

Based on this information please note the following:

- 1. Thursday March 12, 2020 - Hockey Calgary Playoff Games will proceed as scheduled, updates for future games will be provided on a daily basis.**
- 2. Timbit Jamboree – March 14, 2020**
 - a. Cancelled – due to exceeding the threshold of a 'Mass Gathering', this event is being cancelled out of an abundance of caution**
- 3. Tournaments**
 - a. At this point tournaments are permitted**
 - b. Hockey Calgary strongly suggests that extra activities other than game play be eliminated**

Everyone is reminded about the importance of practicing proper hygiene to help reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection to others. For hockey teams and their members, Hockey Canada recommends the following measures:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Make soap and/or hand sanitizer available in dressing rooms and hotels.
- Avoid contact with sick people, including avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- The Hockey Canada Safety Program recommends the following protocol as it relates to the use of water bottles:
 - Good team hygiene includes ensuring all players and staff have their own water bottles to prevent the transmission of viruses and bacteria.
 - Bottles should be labelled and washed after each practice or game.
 - It is further recommended that officials avoid the practice of drinking from the goaltender's water bottle. If officials require water during a game, we suggest they have their own water bottle at the penalty bench.
- There should not be sharing of water bottles in the penalty box.
- Avoid raw or undercooked animal products if having team meals, or if eating while travelling to events/tournaments.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, wash hands).
- Advise players to try and not touch their own mouths or nose when in the hockey environment to reduce the chance of them passing an infection on to themselves.
- Monitor illness and injury in all teams. Parents are urged to keep their children away from the hockey environment if they are showing any signs of infectious disease or virus.
- Team members should be encouraged to self-report if they feel ill.
- Fist bump with hockey gloves on, instead of shaking hands.
- Monitor travel restrictions on the Government of Canada Travel Advisory website, which can be found at <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

As circumstances evolve or change, Hockey Calgary will issue new Alerts to provide our Members and the hockey community in Calgary with all required information. Please note changes are happening at a rapid pace, if we receive different direction from Alberta Health Services or the governing bodies of Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta in the near future we may adjust our current plans.

Regards,



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