



# **EGMHA Return to Hockey Update**

## **Virtual Town Hall # 2**

*October 7, 2020*

# Agenda



- Introductions and Overview
- Recap of EGMHA 2020-21 Season start
- OMHA/OHF Return to Hockey Update
- Safety Protocol Updates
- Hockey Canada Player Illness Protocols
- Concerns
- Questions

# Introductions & Overview



- EGMHA President
  - **Rick McGlone**
- EGMHA Vice President
  - **Ed Vetere**
- YSMHL President & EGMHA Past President
  - **Eric Kopsala** (Facilitator)
- Please use the Q&A box for questions. We will take questions at the end of the presentation and do our best to address as many as we can in the time we have.
- Presentation will be recorded and available on our website

# Recap of 2020-21 Season Start



- Start up has at times been challenging but we have been successful in getting players in the rink and on the ice, most importantly we have so many smiling hockey players when they leave their practices!
- Week of Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, we ran pre-season skills clinics for over 255 players
  - Thank you to our coaches who volunteered their time to run the clinics
- Official season start was Sept 19<sup>th</sup>
  - ~ 360 players have been on the ice, an additional ~75 in U7 start next week
  - 8 teams in all divisions except for U18, which has 7 teams
  - Coaches and trainers have been busy taking or renewing certifications and organizing the team practices, communications and health checks!
  - Games are scheduled to start as of Oct 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Some schedules have been updated this past week due to official scheduling and ice availability
- Programming continues to focus on a **fun** and **safe** gradual return to play



# OMHA/OHF Return to Hockey Update

RETURN  HOCKEY

COVID-19 RESPONSE

## Return to Hockey Framework

Revised July 29, 2020

- OHF announced on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> that we will remain in **Stage 3B** of the Return to Hockey Framework for the near/mid term
- This means **Player Development** remains the focused on:
  - Player bubbles of  $\leq 50$  based on 2019-20 categories
  - Group training for two weeks, on ice social distancing
  - In-house modified "3 on 3" or "4 on 4" game play with No Physical Contact. Rules on [EGMHA website](#)
- As the message stated, we do not expect the OHF to be pausing anything unless the government makes changes to the Emergency Act

[www.ohf.on.ca/media/l3pair4n/ohf-return-to-hockey\\_0731.pdf](http://www.ohf.on.ca/media/l3pair4n/ohf-return-to-hockey_0731.pdf)



# Safety Protocol Updates



- We are continuing to working with the Town on Safety Protocols
- No dressing rooms to start the season, come dressed (except for skates/helmet), with filled labelled water bottle, mask and a resealable bag to put their mask when on ice.
  - Goalies have been now been given access to dressing rooms
- Allowed access **10 min** prior to ice time, **no late arrivals**
- Must complete a health check prior to arriving (on-line)
  - Currently health checks done on EGMHA website until mobile app is ready
  - **Health check in forms and attendance tracking are mandatory**, as they are requirement for contact tracing. If your player is not attending, please advise your team contact.
    - EGMHA Executive members completed over 2300 health checks in September
    - Approximately 95% of families are proactively completing the checks – we appreciate your help!!!!
    - If you forget to complete prior to your ice time, you will receive a reminder from coach or team designated health contact

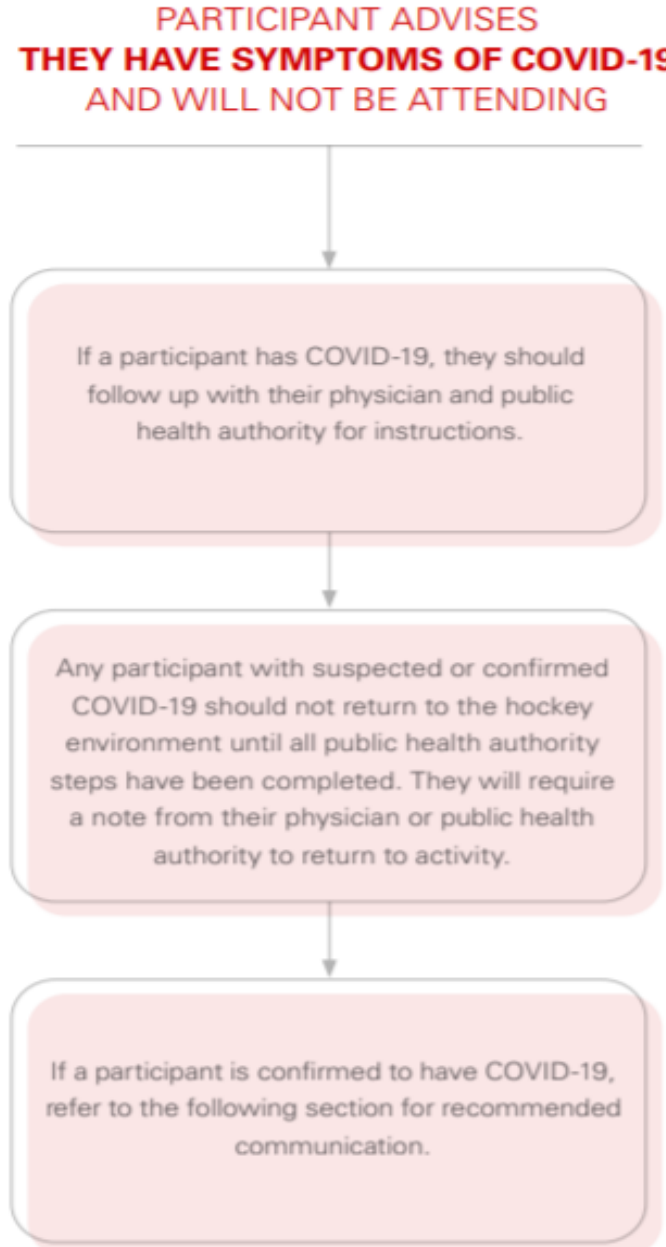
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- Currently we are still at **25 people/ice pad**
- No spectators have been allowed in, however we do have an Executive member in for most sessions to ensure safety protocols are being followed
  - After Thanksgiving, **one parent/guardian** (no siblings) will be allowed in as a spectator for the U9 and under age groups, must wear a mask at all times in the facility
  - Spectators on the WEST PAD (New Roads) will NOT be allowed in the dressing areas to help with helmets/skates, as there is not enough room to ensure social distancing, they will be required to go directly to the viewing areas upon entry to the facility
    - Designated seating areas will be marked to ensure social distancing is adhered to, once practice is over spectators will exit the viewing areas and wait for the players outside West Pad doors
  - Spectators on the EAST PAD (Atlas) will enter with their player as there is more room to ensure social distancing and will be allowed to help with skates and helmets
    - Once player is dressed they will move to the designated seating area, after ice time they may go back to the dressing area to help players untie skates and exit the facility via the East Pad doors

# Protocols for when a player isn't feeling well

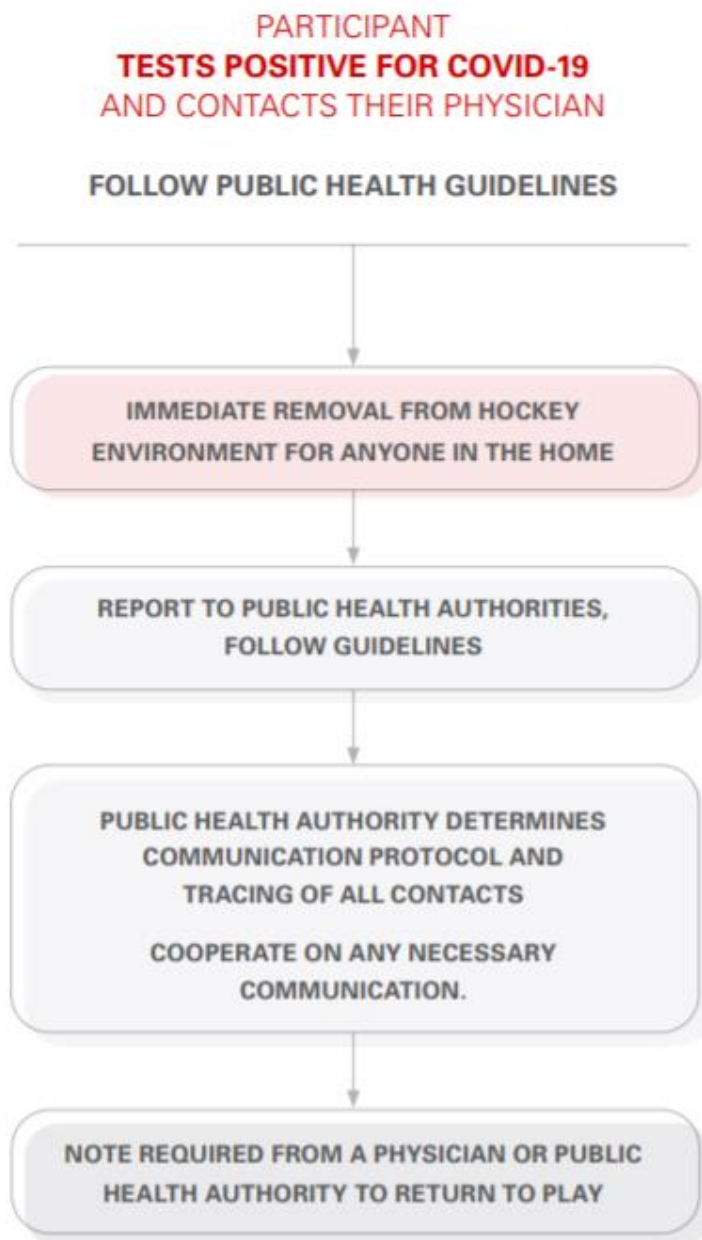
*(non-injury related)*







# Covid-19 Positive Tests



If a participant **elects** to inform EGMHA that they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, the EGMHA contact to inform is **Ed Vetere**

EGMHA seek consent from the participant's guardian to contact York Region Public Health in order to obtain advice on how to communicate with other potential impacted participants

Any communications to the player bubble or individual teams will NEVER disclose the sick participant's name

Note will be required from doctor to return to play



# Concerns to date

- Player tiering, a few complaints on placement < 1% overall though
  - Skill level is not the only consideration of player placement, need to ensure divisions are balanced and adhering to player bubble limits
- Unsanctioned league reminder
  - *The OMHA has been provided direction from the OHF, **that this business is offering programming that the OHF/OMHA are providing** and therefore, according to the **OHF Unsanctioned League Policy**, after September 30<sup>th</sup>, the player would have to choose between programs. If the player opts to continue to participate in the unsanctioned league then the player would need to appeal if they wish to come back to OHF programming after October 1*
  - If we progress to Stage 4 this season, players not already registered with EGMHA will be not permitted to attend any tryouts or participate in local league
- EGMHA continues to have a one-window process for complaints. All complaints should go to **Ed Vetere**, EGMHA Vice President, who will review the complaint and direct to appropriate the Executive member, or if required, will address himself



# QUESTIONS

*Thank you to everyone that is helping to make this season a reality for our Eagles!*