

APPENDIX B Hygiene Checklist

Step	Prior to season/event	Prior to arrival	At event	After event	Travel to tournaments
All participants must adhere to public health authority guidelines.					
All participants must adhere to facility rules and guidelines.					
• Communicate with families to make sure they are aware of the spectator rules around physical distancing, as well as on- ice protocol.					
 Work with the facility to have a common area with marked physical-distanced seating and a common area to put on skates or remove skate guards. 					
 When local health protocol allows use of dressing rooms, have players appropriately physically distanced (using multiple dressing rooms could help). 					
• Encourage participants to minimize their time in or around the facility.					
• Remind players and parents to follow physical-distancing guidelines when leaving.					
Encourage or require patrons to register and pay online prior to arriving.					
Look at making payment/refund policies more flexible so families do not feel pressured to make an ice session.					
Host an online meeting with parents/guardians to run through plans and allow them to ask questions related to:					
What they can expect.					
 Planning for the first session. 					
 Precautions being taken to keep the rink clean and safe. 					
 Facility and hockey association protocols specific to physical distancing. 					
 Notify and reinforce the message that players and coaches need to observe physical distancing on the ice. 					
• Steps to good hygiene.					



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 If a player has any cold or flu-like symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, fever, cough), they must advise the team and stay home until symptoms have ended. They may need to be tested for COVID-19 should symptoms match universal symptoms; if positive, follow public health authority requirements. A coach should be prepared to require that a player exhibiting symptoms must leave the hockey activity. 					
 When coughing or sneezing: Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of the arm, not the hand. Dispose of any used tissues as soon as possible in a lined waste basket and wash hands. Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth with un-washed hands. 					
If symptoms are identified at the facility, advise team staff immediately and put on a cloth mask. Go home and follow up with a physician and the public health authority.					
Participants identified as being vulnerable to COVID-19 should be more cautious and should speak with a physician prior to participating.					
 Promote strict hand hygiene (washing and sanitizing) before and after training. Wash hands after using restrooms with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. 					
It is recommended anyone entering the facility should wear a cloth mask when physical distancing cannot be followed (it may also be required by the facility). The cloth mask can be removed while participating in a hockey activity and physical distancing is practiced. Continue to monitor public health authority guidelines specific to wearing masks.					

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Players must have their own labelled water bottle, washed after each session.					
Hockey bags should have hand sanitizer. Players should wash hands frequently – before leaving home, prior to entering the facility and after leaving the facility.					
Travel with family for hockey association activities and away events.					
Leave hockey bags in the car if arriving early and the dressing room is not available; retrieve when the room is open.					
 Teams exiting dressing rooms have up to 20 minutes. Plan arrival times so to avoid teams entering and exiting the facility at the same time. Limit dressing room use as much as possible. Have participants put on their shoes or skate guards so that they can leave quickly. Encourage participants to minimize their time in the facility. 					
For age groups where parents need to assist with equipment, imit the number of parents in the dressing room/change area to one per player. Entry should be controlled to meet physical- distancing requirements.					
Have a separate gym bag with clothing for dryland. If possible, nave dryland clothes on under street clothes.					
 Wear clothing that minimizes changing in tight spaces. If dryland, wear dryland clothing to facility. If on-ice, wear equipment other than helmet, neckguard, gloves, and skates. Try to shower at home. If showering at the facility, practice physical distancing. Do not share soap, shampoo or shaving products. 					

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During warm-up the coach should ensure physical distancing is practiced. No sharing of foam rollers or warm-up equipment.					
 Observe facility rules regarding team warm-ups, including physical-distancing requirements. 					
 Players need to be prepared to disinfect fitness equipment immediately after use. 					
Absolutely no spitting or open nose blowing in the hockey environment.					
Families should minimize the number of parents/spectators that come with the player to limit the people in the facility. Work with the facility to determine what is best.					
 Minimize congregation in the lobby as much as possible. Meet family at vehicles if suitable for age of players – follow physical-distancing requirements of facility and public health authority. 					
Minimize going in and out of doors, including the dressing room. Facility doors are considered high-risk touchpoints.					
• Team staff should try and control the number of times players enter and exit the dressing room; this avoids hands contacting the handles. Use the elbow to open.					
No sharing of food or drinks.					
Towels are on the bench under the guidance of the safety person/ rainer for emergency use.					
 Towels are not for regular player use. If a safety person/ trainer uses a towel on the bench, it must be taken out of use and washed. 					
• Paper towels/tissue can be kept on hand to wipe face, blow nose if on the bench.					
• Garbage cans should be placed close by for disposal.					
No handshakes between teams. Referees can greet coaches, but no handshakes.					

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 Some equipment should be washed (jerseys, pant shells, socks, etc.) after each session, following manufacturer guidelines. Players must ensure that equipment is kept clean. Encourage players to take equipment out of bags and dry it out after EVERY session. Wash all undergarments after each session. following manufacturer guidelines. 					
Before traveling to tournaments, check federal/provincial/territorial travel restrictions.					
 At a tournament: Stay within the team. Bring plastic glasses, plates and cutlery for the hotel room. Eliminate buffets. Practice physical distancing. 					
If at a hotel, follow the steps in the Hygiene section.					
Teams/parents should consider creating prevention kits, following steps in the Hygiene section.					

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