



HOCKEY CANADA COVID-19 VACCINE POLICY

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Hockey Canada requires all Participants who are active in any International or National Event hosted in Canada to have received the necessary dose(s) of a Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to the start of the Event to meet the requirements of Health Canada as fully vaccinated. Participants must show proof of their vaccination status as required. “Event” includes competitions and any other on-ice or off-ice activities or programs hosted or controlled directly by Hockey Canada. The term “Participant” includes players, coaches, team staff, on-ice officials, Event volunteers and any other individual associated with the Event who is in contact with the aforementioned groups.

Furthermore, Hockey Canada will work with service providers associated with the Event, including hotels, arenas, bus companies, restaurants, etc., to confirm the vaccination status of all individuals employed by those service providers. Any unvaccinated staff of those service providers performing services associated with the Event will be required to undergo daily testing at the cost of the service provider. Every spectator will be required to show proof that they have received the necessary COVID-19 vaccine dose(s) unless the individual is not eligible to receive such doses due to their age. We will consider further exemptions that may be applicable based on the location of the Event in question and the applicable legislation and public health guidance in that geographic area. These exemptions will be reviewed by experts retained by Hockey Canada as required.

Hockey Canada is also enhancing its guidance relative to our Return to Play hockey protocols. Whereas Hockey Canada previously “encouraged” vaccine use amongst our Registered Participants, we are now “strongly recommending” vaccine use prior to participating in Hockey Canada and/or Member-sanctioned hockey activities.

Hockey Canada commends our Members, associations, leagues and individual teams, as well as those municipalities who have already implemented mandatory vaccine requirements in their jurisdictions and will continue to work with our Members towards a more uniform approach across the country. Subject to the requirements outlined above with respect to International and National Events, in all situations our Members, associations and leagues are required to follow the advice of their provincial and/or regional public health authority as the minimum standards specific to the prevention of COVID-19, including vaccinations.

Hockey Canada will continue to monitor this situation as it develops. We will advise our Members if our guidance is further altered in any manner.

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