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## Hockey Manitoba Policy on Non-Medical Masks and Face Coverings

All participants including players, coaches, staff, volunteers, spectators, and officials are required to wear face masks in facilities where Hockey Manitoba-sanctioned activities take place. Players and officials are not required to wear face masks while on the ice engaging in physical activity but are required to wear face masks in the dressing room before and after their ice time. Team officials, including coaches, are required to wear face masks while on the bench.

Masks can be temporarily removed while in an indoor public place to:

- receive a service that requires the removal of their mask,
- actively engage in an athletic or fitness activity,
- consume food or drink,
- deal with an emergency or medical purpose, or
- establish their identity.

Based on the provincial guidelines, people who do not have to wear a mask include:

- a person with a medical condition that is unrelated to COVID-19, including breathing or cognitive difficulties or a disability, which prevents them from safely wearing a mask; and
- a person who is unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person.

The Government of Canada recommends that masks not be placed on children under the age of two.

All Hockey Manitoba members should remind participants of the requirement to ensure the safety of all members. Suspensions may be issued by Hockey Manitoba for non-compliance. For concerns regarding participants not wearing face masks while attending Hockey Manitoba Sanctioned activities, please contact your local minor hockey association, league, and respective region.

Hockey Manitoba along with Sport Manitoba is pleased to offer signage for facilities and members to remind participants of the protocols in place. Please click [here](#) to view and print signage as required.

For more information about Hockey Manitoba's Return to Play plan, please visit [hockeymanitoba.ca/return-to-play/](https://hockeymanitoba.ca/return-to-play/).

Province of Manitoba - [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html)

Government of Canada - Non-medical masks and face coverings: About - [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/about-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/about-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html)