



Protocol for NYKHA Players, Officials and Volunteers

The wearing of a mask or appropriate face covering, and following Public Health social distancing guidelines, is considered mandatory inside all arena facilities. The NYKHA will review and adjust the safety protocols to reflect the most current Public Health guidelines.

ALL North York Knights Hockey Association players, officials and volunteers and any other persons accessing arena facilities during any NYKHA hockey programs, who are eligible to be vaccinated from COVID-19 MUST either:

1. have shown proof of full vaccination to the NYKHA, as is defined by the NYKHA; or
2. have been granted an accommodation by the GTHL pursuant to the process prescribed in the GTHL Vaccination Policy Accommodation Request Application and be in compliance with the terms of such accommodation.

At the time of this proposal, children under the age of 12 (2009 birth year or after) are not presently eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in Ontario. This COVID-19 Vaccination Policy will apply to them if, and when, they should become eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in Ontario. The NYKHA shall consider alternative controls to address the risk of access by these persons.

All individuals taking part in NYKHL sanctioned team activities must self-screen in accordance with current public health guidelines on the GTHL health screening program before attending any NYKHA session.

Players must not attend any team activities if they:

- exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms, such as a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by health experts
- have been diagnosed with Covid-19 and have not been cleared for removal from isolation
- have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- have returned from travel outside of Canada (must quarantine for 14 days at home)
- are considered a vulnerable or at-risk individual (individuals over 70 years, weakened immune system or medical conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, cancer etc.).

For on-ice sessions, players should come dressed in as much hockey equipment as possible to reduce the time at the facility before and after on-ice sessions. Skates should be put on in the

car (skate guards will be required), a bench outside the facility, a specifically designated spot in the dressing room or a designated socially-distanced spot outside the dressing room.

Players should have their own personal, labelled water bottle. Use only that water bottle when participating in the activity. Parents/players should wash water bottles after each session.

Personal items like equipment bags should be left in the relevant individual's vehicle (in a safe and secure location) and not be brought into the arena. Players and coaches may carry their own water bottle, tissue box, puck and pylon bag etc. into the arena.

Players must use individual water bottles with a name label, tissue boxes etc. during games and practice sessions. No sharing of these items is permitted. Players must have their own closed containers (i.e. Ziploc bag) for disposing of used personal items such as tissues. These must be disposed of at home or in a lidded garbage container in the facility.

Players should wash / sanitize hands upon entry to facility.

Players are not permitted to contact each other on or off the ice.

Players must respect physical distancing guidelines within all parts of the facility by staying at least 2m apart at all times.

All warm-ups and off-ice training should comply with current physical distancing requirements.

Players are not required to wear a non-medical face mask while skating.

Players must wear full hockey equipment.

Players must not share hockey equipment or any personal items.

Players must not touch hockey pucks or pylons with their hands.