



# CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

## Executive Memorandum

September 21, 2021

**To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations**

**Re: Update on the ongoing discussions with Hockey Alberta around the Alberta Government's recent restrictions announcement.**

There have been numerous requests to the League for information around the impacts of the government's recent restrictions announcement and how individual municipalities, facilities, and/or associations may or may not implement vaccine requirements for participants in their area. While these decisions are made locally, they may have a significant impact on user groups coming into those areas. Unfortunately we do not have any control over what local decisions are made for facilities so just like last season, the home Teams will need to keep the visiting teams informed of the current status of the rink when they go to play.

As Hockey Alberta is the sanctioning body for our sport in the province, the league will work with our members to implement any protocols outlined by Hockey Alberta for League Play. Hockey Alberta continues to have discussions with AHS, the Provincial Government, and their stakeholders as to the best practices around potential vaccine requirements for participants. In Hockey Alberta's latest update on September 20th, they have included the following,

- *If a REP is in place in a facility, it covers the entire facility.*
- *If a youth under 18 is accessing a facility with a REP in place for the sole purpose of taking part in a youth activity, they would not need to provide proof of vaccination status, physician note, or negative test.*
- *However, if the facility has an REP in place individuals 12+ must show one of the acceptable options for proof of vaccination if they wished to spectate, use any other amenity (such as a restaurant), or participate in a mixed adult/youth activity (not including an activity where the adult supports the youth, such as a parents & tots class).*
- *We are still seeking clarification as this relates to Volunteers/Coaches and will be providing that update shortly.*

While the current situation does pose some challenges for sport, it is a positive step toward allowing our youth to still participate. We are looking forward to a return to the ice this season and thank everyone for their ongoing patience as Hockey Alberta continues to develop protocols around this. We will continue to update all members as new information becomes available.

As we continue to navigate the ever changing health situation, just like last season, we will support our members and work together with each other so that games can get played.

As always, If you or any member of your association have any questions please feel free to reach out and we will get them answered for you.

Thanks.

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