

DC TITANS YOUTH HOCKEY COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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During this unprecedented time, DC Titans Youth Hockey is focused on providing opportunities for our families to play hockey in a safe environment.

The following rules and guidelines are intended to help mitigate, but will not eliminate, the risks associated with COVID-19, other infectious diseases, or safety risks generally associated with games and practices.

These rules and guidelines will be updated as appropriate to reflect the evolving state of the pandemic.

When there are conflicts between this document and local or federal requirements, we will follow the more restrictive guidelines.

These rules apply to practices, games, and any other DC Titans Youth Hockey sponsored event.

Complying with these guidelines is a shared responsibility between families, volunteers, players, and league officials – everyone has an **active** role to play.

DC Titans Youth Hockey Board of Directors and/or designates will be monitoring compliance with the following rules/guidelines. Violations may lead to cancelation of practices and games, and repeated violations may lead to suspension from league activities.

POSITIVE COVID RESULT FROM TEAM MEMBER

If any team member, including player, manager or coach tests positive for COVID, regardless of vaccine status, they should notify the DC Titans Youth Hockey board or directors at titans.hockey.dc@gmail.com and immediately begin home quarantine. Participants cannot return until they have met the following CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>

Regardless of vaccination status, if you test positive for COVID, you cannot return to play until:

- a. 5 days after date of test if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving;
- b. Continue to wear a mask (in all settings) for an additional five days;
- c. If you have a fever after five days, you cannot return to play until your fever resolves;
- d. Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving;* and
- e. DC Titans Youth Hockey may request in writing clearance from a healthcare provider to resume activity.

*Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.

Notification Protocols

Once DC Titans Youth Hockey becomes aware that any team member, including player, manager or coach tests positive for COVID, we will follow these notification steps:

1. A representative of the DC Titans Youth Hockey Board of Directors will communicate by email to all families of players and volunteers, informing them of the positive test result and providing as much information as possible. (Note: Name(s) of the sick person will not be provided).
2. Depending on the situation, the DC Titans Youth Hockey Board of Directors will determine if other teams and/or groups of people need to be notified.
3. Depending on the situation, the DC Titans Youth Hockey Board of Directors can determine if the entire team should be held out of participating in activities (e.g., cancelling games and/or practices) for a minimum of 10 days.

INDIRECT POSITIVE COVID RESULT FROM FAMILY MEMBER

If DC Titans Youth Hockey learns of a family member of any team member, including player, manager or coach, that tests positive for COVID, the DC Titans Youth Hockey Board of Directors will determine what, if any, notification plan will be based on the specific situation. If necessary, DC Titans Youth Hockey reserves the right to hold the team member of this family from participating in activities.

SELF MONITORING POLICY

Players (or parents/guardians) must conduct symptom self-assessments on game and practice days; anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.

Volunteers must conduct symptom self-assessments on game and practice days; anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.

VACCINATION POLICY – UPDATED – PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED

On October 29, 2021, the FDA authorized the use of the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (“COVID Vaccine”) for children ages 5-11. The COVID Vaccine is now available for children of all ages playing with DC Titans Youth Hockey. Starting January 15, 2022, DC Titans Youth Hockey will require all players, coaches, and volunteers assisting with DC Titans Youth Hockey to show proof of a full course of vaccination (both doses) to continue play with DC Titans Youth Hockey. Proof of vaccination shall consist of:

- A physical CDC vaccination card;
- A digital/photo copy of a CDC vaccination card; or
- A COVID-19 verification app such as VaxYes or CLEAR.

Failure to provide proof of vaccination status will result in exclusion of the player, coach and/or volunteer from all DC Titans Youth Hockey events. Proof of vaccination should be submitted via email to the DC Titans Youth Hockey Board at titans.hockey.dc@gmail.com. Copies of vaccination records sent to this address will not be retained.

PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED TO ENTER FORT DUPONT ICE ARENA

Pursuant to the DC Mayor’s Office policy on Covid vaccinations, starting on January 15, 2022, everyone 12 years and older entering Fort DuPont Ice Arena will be required to provide proof of vaccination. A person 12 years and older can demonstrate proof of vaccination can consist of:

- A physical CDC vaccination card;
- A digital/photo copy of a CDC vaccination card; or

- A COVID-19 verification app such as VaxYes or CLEAR.

A person 12 years or older failing to provide proof of vaccination cannot enter Fort DuPont Ice Arena.

MASK AND ATTENDANCE POLICY – HOME RINK

The DC Titans Youth Hockey home rink, Fort DuPont Ice Arena, mandates masks, regardless of vaccination status, for all building entrants. That includes players when playing on the ice surface and in the locker rooms. Currently there are no limits on number of guests who can attend games. Fort DuPont Ice Arena follows the D.C. Mayor's COVID guidelines and will update the Arena's guidelines accordingly in the event of any changes.

MASK POLICY – AWAY GAMES

In accordance with DC Titans Youth Hockey home rink requirements, DC Titans Youth Hockey will follow the requirements of all away games. If a particular arena or local jurisdiction does not mandate indoor mask use, DC Titans Youth Hockey ***strongly encourages*** that all players, coaches, and team managers wear masks while playing and inside any arena for away games. Attendance policies will be determined by the host rinks of each away game.

ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE, SOCIAL DISTANCING, & LOCKER ROOMS

DC Titans Youth Hockey requests parents have their players dress at home and/or in the parking lot or spectator areas of rinks to avoid additional time in any arena locker room.

Following any game or practice, DC Titans Youth Hockey requests that parents and players exit the building as soon as possible.

At all times in any arena DC Titans Youth Hockey requests that parents practice social distancing protocols established by the CDC.

DC Titans Youth Hockey requests that all coaches practice social distance, to the extent possible, while players sit on the bench during games and practices.

Coaches and teams may use locker rooms at facilities where locker rooms are open. DC Titans Youth Hockey requests that players, to the extent possible, refrain from using the locker rooms to dress or undress. Coaches should use the locker rooms only for brief pregame and postgame team meetings.

For the safety of our entire DC Titans Youth Hockey organization, please keep your athlete at home if they are showing any symptoms or have a fever of above 100 degrees. Should those symptom result in a positive COVID test, we will abide by the following notification and quarantine protocols.