

MN Hockey District 9



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To All Associations in District 9 – MN Hockey

Covid-19 Plan for the 2020-2021 Season

District 9 has implemented the **Phase 3 Return to Play Guidelines** as our Rules. Please read and fully understand all expectations as we return to hockey. Some noted highlights include:

1. Anyone with symptoms of illness or who have family members with symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19, or been exposed to a person who tested positive, must stay home and not participate in any team activities. Follow the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for quarantine. If coach or player is symptomatic and seeks a test, no team involvement until test results come back negative, if positive follow MDH Guidelines. The **MDH Decision Tree Document** should be followed when symptoms occur.
2. All D9 Associations are required to have a main COVID-19 lead. This person will be first point of contact and will fully understand and follow the **MN Hockey Guidelines for Managing Confirmed COVID-19 Cases**. Please send the contact information on the Association COVID-19 lead to Kathy Heightland – D9 Secretary. The document can also be found on the D9 Covid-19 page at <https://www.mndistrict9hockey.com/covid19>.
3. Masks are **always required** in all rinks with the following exceptions. **This is Mandatory**.
 - a. Players participating in practice or games
 - b. Referees while working a game
4. Failure to wear masks will result in the following:
 - a. 1st offense – warning
 - b. 2nd offense – 3 game suspension
 - c. 3rd offense – 30 day suspension.
 - d. More than 3 offenses will result in teams removal from District Tournament play and a fine.
5. No more than 2 family members allowed per game.
6. Minor Officials, only 1 person (1+ if same family) may operate clock, scoresheet & penalty box. If facility is such that separation is obtained and can remain socially distanced, it will be allowed for extra worker(s) for penalty boxes. This decision is up to the Association to decide and monitor.
7. Find rink use policies on our D9 Covid-19 page at <https://www.mndistrict9hockey.com/covid19> for specific policies defined by that facility.
8. Practice POD's of no more than 25 for 2 PODS, 15 for 3 PODS. This is **Mandatory**, failure to comply will be the same as Mask use rules with coaches being the individuals punished.
9. Only 2 coaches allowed per game on the bench. This is **Mandatory**, failure to comply will be the same as Mask use rules. This is for all MN Hockey sanctioned events and includes visiting teams from out of state.

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10. Only active players involved in game will be allowed on the bench. If injured prior to game, must watch from stands, if injured during game, allowed to remain on bench. Coaches should always work to maintain social distance for team. The 2nd goalie is considered an active participant.
11. Out of State travel needs to be approved, please find a link on our web page that will send the required information. Also, teams coming into MN to play, will need to follow all rules. Travel into Illinois is not allowed, nor teams from Illinois can play in MN.

Our goal is to have a complete season with minimal interruption. It is upon all of us to follow these rules so that our kids may enjoy the game of hockey. You can find the detail ***Phase 3 Return to Play, MDH Decision Tree & Guidelines for Managing Confirmed COVID-29 along with the latest rule update announced on 10/26/20*** documents on our website at <https://www.mndistrict9hockey.com/covid19> . If questions or concerns, please have your Association COVID contact coordinate with me or Kathy Heightland - D9 Secretary. Contact info is also on our website at <https://www.mndistrict9hockey.com/page/show/181703-board> .

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