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## **UPDATE FROM MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY**

We understand that there is a lot of anxiety and questions regarding the reopening of the rinks in Massachusetts. We want to let our players, coaches, officials and families know that we are in constant communication with the Commonwealth regarding the planned reopening of rinks as of 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2020. At this point, based upon our communications, all indications are that we reopen and that our players will be able to get back to enjoying youth hockey.

While we also anticipate some modifications to the existing guidance, despite what may be rumored to be happening, we have not been provided with any definitive guidance on what changes, if any, there will be to the current guidance. We will share that information as soon as we are provided with it, hopefully later today or tomorrow.

We can expect that contact tracing and the wearing of masks will be areas that the state will be emphasizing.

The Commonwealth has indicated that they intend to deal with situations of non-compliance at the local level. However, it has also been stated that if there is wide-spread disregard for the rules, we can expect that the doors to the rinks will be closed again and likely for a much longer period.

When we do get back to the rinks, for the benefit of all players, coaches, officials and families, please use your best efforts to follow the guidance so that we can continue to play and enjoy the rest of this season.

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