

2020-21 Addendum to Parent Handbook for COVID-19 Concerns

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association and Madison Mavericks has formed a COVID-19 Sub-Committee in order to identify and develop guidelines and protocols for dealing with the effects of COVID-19 on the 2020-21 hockey season. The goal of VWYHA is to give families the fullest hockey experience they are comfortable with, while following the recommendations and requirements for safety from USA Hockey, CDC, State, and local authorities. This addendum supplements the Parent Handbook for the 2020-21 season and may be modified throughout the season due to changing conditions, recommendations, and requirements.

COVID Sub-Committee- Responsible to monitor state and local government websites or changes to COVID-19 guidelines and provide recommendations to VWYHA COVID protocols.

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Precautions at the Rink:

All skaters, coaches, families, and spectators will be expected to follow all state and local rules regarding COVID-19 precautions, such as mask wearing, social distancing, number of spectators allowed, etc. The current rules covering the Verona Ice Arena will be linked or posted on the VWYHA COVID-19 Information page. For practices, games, or team events away from Verona Ice Arena, team managers will make every effort to obtain the COVID-19 protocols required at the facility and to notify the team as far in advance as is possible. While team managers will do their best, with the ever-changing landscape of local rules we expect all families to be flexible, understanding and to comply with the local rules in effect at the rink where they are playing.

Personal Hygiene

All skaters, coaches, families, and spectators will be expected to practice good personal hygiene to include the following:

- Wash hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided to coaches to ensure its availability at team functions.
- Do not touch your face.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your elbow, dispose of the tissue and wash/sanitize hands immediately.
- Do not share water bottles, towels or other equipment. Mark them clearly so you know which one is yours. Water bottles will NOT be provided for communal use.
- Clean/disinfect equipment after each use
 - Disinfecting product will be provided to coaches to ensure its availability while visiting other rinks to be used in locker room areas and the player's bench.

Social Distancing

All skaters, coaches, families, and spectators will be expected to practice good social distancing practices to include the following:

- Maintain social distancing measures (6 ft. apart) whenever possible off the ice.
- Consider dressing at home to avoid locker rooms.
- Limit group discussions so players are not in close proximity for extended periods of time.
- Coaches, parents and spectators should follow social distancing measures.
- Discourage unnecessary physical contact, such as high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.

Self-Screening Guidelines:

All families will be expected and required to conduct a self-screening of their skater prior to attending any team practice, game, or other event. If a skater answers “yes” to any of the following questions or has a temperature above 100.4 Fahrenheit, they should notify their head coach and not participate in the practice, game or other event:

1. Have you or anyone in your household had a sore throat, cough, chills, body aches, shortness of breath, loss of smell, loss of taste, or fever at or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit in the last 10 days?
2. Have you or anyone in your household been tested for COVID-19?
3. To the best of your knowledge, have you been in close proximity to any individual who tested positive for COVID-19?

In order to give all skaters the best chance to have the fullest hockey experience safely possible, VWYHA asks that all families notify their skater’s head coach immediately upon becoming aware of any “yes” answers to the self-screening questions. The head coach will share that information with the appropriate Age Level Director and the Director of Hockey and/or President for determination of any notification and return to play requirements. Quickly identifying any potential COVID-19 exposures and taking appropriate steps will give us the best chance of avoiding the unnecessary cancelling of practices and games for all.

Head coaches will keep an attendance log for all team scheduled events (practice, games, etc) in order to conduct accurate contact tracing, if necessary. Coaches or other adults having direct contact with skaters will also be expected and required to follow the self-screening protocols.

Notification Requirements:

VWYHA is committed to providing the information to families that they need to make decisions for their own health and safety while also protecting individual family privacy concerns. In the event VWYHA is notified by a family that a skater or coach has either tested positive for

COVID-19 or has been in close contact to person with a positive COVID-19 test, a notice will be provided to families with a skater that may have been in close contact to that skater or coach. Under current guidelines, close contact to COVID-19 is defined as the following:

- 1) A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of a positive COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more within a 24 hour period.
- 2) Other situations where someone is considered a close contact:
 - a) Had direct physical contact with a positive COVID-19 case (for example, a hug, kiss, or handshake).
 - b) Had contact with a positive COVID-19 case respiratory secretion (for example, coughed or sneezed on; contact with a dirty tissue; shared a drinking glass, food, towels, or other personal items).
 - c) Live with a positive COVID-19 case or stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with them.

The notice will advise whether it is based on a skater or coach that has tested positive for COVID-19 or based on a skater or coach that has been exposed to COVID-19.

The notice will also advise whether there are any quarantine recommendations or team schedule changes based on the nature and timing of the information. If the notice does not have quarantine recommendations or team schedule changes due to the nature or timing of the test result or close contact, individual families will be free to make their own decisions regarding attendance at practices, games, or other team events as they see fit. All quarantine recommendations and team schedule changes from VWYHA will be based substantially on the current guidelines being followed by Verona Area School District.

Return to Play Requirements:

In the event a skater or coach has a positive COVID-19 test result or has a known close contact to COVID-19, return to play requirements may be imposed for that skater or coach and/or the team, depending on the nature and timing of the test result or close contact. VWYHA will substantially follow the Verona Area School District requirements for returning to school. For Non-COVID-19 illnesses, VYWHA asks parents to use their best judgement for return to play, but minimally a skater or coach must be fever-free for 24 hours and/or no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours. Those guidelines may change over the course of the season, and a current copy of the guidelines will be linked or posted on the VWYHA COVID-19 Information page.