

Dover Youth Hockey Association

Hello All,

The DYHA Board has been working diligently to put in place the new guidance for hockey from Governor Sununu. The good news is the processes the Dover Rink and DYHA put in place (in place since July 4th) are right in line with the new guidance. It shows how seriously the City of Dover and the Dover Youth Hockey Association Board has taken mitigation efforts. Mitigation processes are really important to containing transmission; like one-way direction, masks, 50% capacity in locker rooms, sanitation of locker rooms and stands between sessions and focus on symptom awareness. To this date, no DYHA player or coach has tested positive for Covid-19. We understand this can change fast, but the mitigation efforts are designed to slow the spread.

Updated Guidelines

Governor Sununu approved new guidelines for N.H.'s Return to Hockey. **The Safer at Home: Hockey & Indoor Ice Arena** guidelines have been published. DYHA is preparing to return travel teams on Saturday Oct 31st and there are two main requirements to make this happen. For House League, we are waiting on additional guidance and will relay as soon as possible.

1. **Testing** - The most significant and timely requirement for rink staff, volunteers, players, coaches, and officials, is a COVID19 Test. This is a non-negotiable requirement that **must** be completed by November 6. There are two free testing centers in Concord and Londonderry. There are also multiple testing centers within the dover area:

- **State Testing Sites** –we are being told these testing centers in Concord and Londonderry are free
- https://business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing/
- **Dover Area**- If you have insurance, it's important to reach out to your doctor/insurance company to understand your coverage. If you do not have insurance, there are forms that can be filled out depending on facility
- Wentworth Douglas <https://www.wdhospital.org/wdh/services-and-specialties/covid-test>

- ConvenientMD - <https://convenientmd.com/locations/dover-nh-urgent-care-03820/>
- CVS - <https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>
- ClearChoiceMD
- <https://www.clockwisemd.com/hospitals/5242/visits/new>

2. **Masks** – Masks will be required on the bench area for players and coaches. DYHA already required coaches to wear masks since the start, so this change is new for players now being required to on the bench. We sent a note out last week about a CCM mask that attaches to the cage/bubble. The Board is endorsing the CCM Game On Mask for players to wear when on the bench as well as when on the ice: <https://ccmhockey.com/en/product/accessories/player/facemasks-and-more/skater-game-mask>. Please consider ordering these for your players. Otherwise, use of a gator/mask will be part of the new processes on the bench.

DYHA Testing Compliance – Very Important

In order for a player/coach/volunteer to return to hockey, each will need to attest to taking a Covid-19 test between the dates 10/15/20 and 11/6/20. The following form will need to be filled out by individuals or Parent/Guardian. A player will not be allowed to play without this form filled out. DYHA board members will be reaching out after the form is complete to show proof of negative test. The Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Governor's order may also ask you to show proof of negative test.

<https://doverhockey.sportngin.com/register/form/309268485>

We look forward to continuing the season and getting back on the ice soon!

Kind Regards,

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DYHA President of the Board of Directors