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SMHA 2021 / 2022 Covid Statement

Welcome back to a new Hockey Season! The SMHA remains committed to bringing the best possible hockey experience to our players, parents and coaches. As of today, there are no restrictions on youth sports in Alberta. All provincial and municipality requirements set forth for buildings in which our teams play and practice continue to apply. We encourage our membership to become familiar with the host location's requirements before attending games or practices.

Should provincial or Hockey Alberta covid requirements change, SMHA will continue to adapt as we did during the 2020/21 season and bring reasonable, high quality experiences for all our members.

SMHA recommends all teams have a single Covid focal point for any questions and concerns from parents and/or players. We expect all teams will follow provincially applicable health orders when conducting on / off-ice events. Neither Hockey Alberta nor SMHA have implemented a mandatory vaccination policy. However, consistent with [Hockey Alberta Bulletin 21-01](#), the SMHA would highlight "the Government of Alberta and the Chief Medical Officer of Health have stated the importance of all eligible Albertans getting fully vaccinated as the most effective way in protecting yourself and others."

If any players and/or parents have any questions or concerns related to Covid, they can reach out directly to VP, Operations, [Ryan Weyland](#).

