**SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT FACILITIES**

Richmond Hill Hockey Association:

1. Safety! Create a safe and healthy hockey environment for our players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators. • Safety is paramount, this plan was built in compliance with Public Health, Hockey Canada and Ontario Hockey Federation guidelines to minimize the risk for all participants.

2. Fun! Maintain a culture of Fun! Ensure Participants can enjoy the game they love in a safe environment. • Richmond Hill Hockey is returning to Train and Play in a way that allows kids to have fun and be kids.

Prior to arrival at the arena:

Prior to arriving to the arena if a participant does not feel well, has a fever or a cold (runny nose, sore throat, cough, etc.) they should stay home and advise the coach. They will not be allowed to enter the facility. All those participating in or attending a hockey activity should stay home if sick. Players should have a labelled water bottle. Use only that water bottle when participating in the activity. Parents/players should wash water bottles after each session.

Prior to arriving at the arena you must have completed the OHF Health Screening Questionnaire or App if this is not completed you will not be allowed to enter the facility. Use this link to submit the questionnaire - <https://ewaivers.ca/pages/rhha> . The OHF Health Screening Questionnaire can only be completed no earlier than 4 hours before a game or practice. If any player or person checks off yes to any of the questions they are not allowed into the arena. You will also need to fill out the contact tracing form for every game or practice.

Emphasize to participants the importance of strict hand hygiene before and after the game or practice. If possible, players should be encouraged to carry hand sanitizer. You must consistently and strictly adhere to good hygiene and public health measures, including frequent hand washing and physical distancing.

Must be fully dressed and dropped off at the facility arriving no earlier than 15 minutes prior to your game or practice.

Upon entering the arena you must wear a mask and sanitize your hands along with social distancing.

All team officials must wear a mask at all times in the arena. If you are on the ice it can be removed but not during a game it can only be removed during a practice.

You will go directly to your designated area to lace up your skates marked with an X or sit here. A suggestion would be to ask your player to bring a zip lock baggie to put the mask into. The player will remove their mask at the bench or designated area and put on their helmet all the while social distancing.

If your child requires help lacing their skates a mask must be worn hands sanitized along with completing a Health Screening Questionnaire upon entering the facility. **The age groups allowed in with a parent to the lace up skates are (2010-2011-2012).** Once you are done you must leave the **facility ASAP. At the end of a practice or game the coach or designated person will escort your child out of the building to the parent. At this time Parents & Spectators are** **NOT ALLOWED into the facility**. As updates occur we will inform you of any changes allowing spectators or parents into the facility. Dressing rooms are **NOT AVAILABLE** but they will have one bathroom open. Once your game or practice is completed please exit the building quickly. In order for the arena staff to disinfect benches and all high touched surfaces areas.

Richmond Hill has implemented a Risk Management person to ensure all public safety updates be provided from Public health and contract tracing.

• Monitoring all relevant updates from the public health authority.

• Monitoring all relevant updates from their Member.

• Communicating with local facilities on guidelines and updates. • Ensuring teams are following the prevention guidelines set by the Member/hockey association/league.

• Ensuring any COVID-19 cases are reported as required by the public health authority, Member, hockey association, league and facility.

Have fun & Stay Safe!