



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

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To: MAHA State Playoff Participants
From: MAHA State Playoff Committee
Re: COVID Protocol for State Playoffs

As the MAHA State Playoffs set to begin, the State Playoff Committee wanted to provide guidelines for Covid-related instances shall they arise during the tournaments.

Per the MAHA Return to Play Standards:

- If a Positive COVID-19 Test is Confirmed:
 - Pause team activities until appropriate contact tracing, reporting to all applicable parties, and consultation with local health officials on next steps has been achieved. (This includes any “out-of-town” and/or “out-of-state” events that may occur within this timeframe.)
 - Immediately report to all applicable parties*
 - Association Leadership
 - Rink Management
 - Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA)
 - Local Health Department

*Confidentiality of the individual must be maintained in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other corresponding state laws

- Follow the guidance of the Health Department, regarding “close contacts.”
 - ‘Close contact’ is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. (Updated December 2020, CDC)
 - “Close contacts” may have to quarantine for 14 days – follow Health Department guidance
 - Individuals exposed to COVID-19 may end quarantine after 10 days (without a test) if the person remains asymptomatic (Updated December 2020, CDC)
 - Individuals exposed to COVID-19 may end quarantine after 7 days





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if the person remains asymptomatic, and tests negative for COVID-19 (Updated December 2020, CDC)

- As a courtesy, it is recommended that you notify any teams that shared space with the infected participant over the previous 14 days and notify any teams/opponents scheduled to practice or compete with your team within the upcoming 14 days.
- The Health Department may determine that a player or subset of players are required to quarantine. The team may continue to participate in the tournament without those players if it meets all USA Hockey requirements.

Due to the limited time available to host the State Playoffs, any team that is unable to participate due to COVID will forfeit all State Playoff games by a score of 0-1. Coaches / Managers will not face disciplinary action if a team forfeits due to these circumstances. However, the team will not receive a refund for their tournament fee.

The onus is on the team to properly adhere to all Covid guidelines and to respect not only their own team and players health and wellbeing, but also all participants, referees, volunteers, and fans in attendance.

Good luck during your state playoff.

