

Minnesota Hockey Releases COVID-19 Statement

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We at Minnesota Hockey would like to welcome all of our players to the 2021-22 season. With a new season comes new challenges, as well as challenges we faced last year. As much as we hoped that COVID-19 would be a thing of the past at this point, it is still very much with us.

COVID-19 and its variants remain prevalent throughout the world, and it is important that everyone involved in youth and adult hockey in our state do everything we can to make the game as safe as possible. With the Minnesota Hockey season officially open, we strongly encourage all eligible coaches, players, officials and spectators to follow the recommendations of USA Hockey medical advisors to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

We understand this decision is a personal choice, however as more of our participants get vaccinated, we can ensure a much safer season, and hopefully avoid any further restrictions or mandates. The following educational materials will help you make an informed decision:

CDC's COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Center <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

CDC's Myths & Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html%C2%A0>

Mayo Clinic's COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Center <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-vaccine/art-20484859>

For those who are not vaccinated, the wearing of masks is recommended, especially in off-ice areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.

While there is no statewide mandate for masks to be worn inside hockey arenas, all participants and spectators should abide by any protocols and requirements implemented by local arenas.

At this time, and while subject to change, Minnesota Hockey will not be imposing any requirements for its members. We do encourage everyone to be aware of the Minnesota Department of Health's recommendations for organized sports and guidance on quarantines.

We hope that everyone takes the necessary and responsible steps toward keeping players, coaches and volunteers healthy and safe for the duration of the 2021-22 season.

We are so excited to welcome back our players to the rink!

Thank you!

Minnesota Hockey