



Hershey Jr. Bears

COVID-19 Policy and Guidance 2020-2021

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Protecting the safety of our players and members is our first priority! Following the guidance of the PA State Department of Health, AAHA and the DVHL...

- Players, Coaches and Managers must wear face masks to, during and from the locker room. Face coverings inside the rink at all times, including on the ice– either face mask or approved helmet face shield (i.e. – Bauer Concept 3 Splash Shield on a Full Shield)
- Screening of all Coaches, Managers and players will be completed prior to all games and practices. Temperature checks (touch free) and screening questions (all recorded and maintained by the Team Manager). ***Players who fail the screening process will not be permitted to participate in the scheduled event. Medical Clearance will be required for the player to return to the ice.***
- Adherence to the PA state mandate of 25 people (practices and games). This includes coaches, off ice officials, referees and players and rink staff (2 persons). No spectators will be permitted.
- Players may not enter the ice until given the OK by the rink staff that all sanitation has been completed.
- No spitting on the ice is permitted at any time. After the first warning – the referee can give a 2-minute minor penalty
- Activities that increase the risk of exposure to saliva must not be allowed including chewing gum, spitting, licking fingers, and eating sunflower seeds.
- Avoid shaking hands, fist bumps, or high fives before, during or after games and practices. Limit unnecessary physical contact with teammates, other players, coaches, officials, and spectators
- No handshakes are to be made between the coaches, players or officials
- At the end of the game, teams will line up on blue lines and do a stick salute before exiting the ice. There will be no handshakes.
- Teams must use separate doors to enter or exit the ice
- Teams must use their own pucks for warm-ups.
- Players must not share water bottles, towels or personal items. Team water coolers for sharing through disposable cups are not allowed. Fixed water fountains should not be used
- Players must have mouth pieces attached to their helmets to avoid a penalty..
- Players should come to or leave the rink dressed as much as possible to avoid being in the locker room/rink longer than necessary prior to/after the game. At this time locker rooms will open 15 minutes prior to the ice slot and must be clear 10 minutes after the ice slot. Room capacities will be posted outside each room. Absolutely no horseplay, shooting of pucks balls, etc. in the rooms. All trash should go in the trash can.
- When players leave the locker room to go to ice or vice versa, the player must wear their helmet
- Parents/Spectators understand that by not abiding by the rules/protocols set by the rink and DVHL will result in the parent/spectator having to leave the building
- Parents/Spectators who are aware of any team players, family members, etc. who are sick or have had exposure to someone with the virus should inform the team manager, who will inform the HJB COVID Coordinator



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- Parents/Spectators will commit to checking their own, as well as the players temperature and assessing their own as well as the players symptoms on a daily basis. Parents, Children and athletes who are sick or showing symptoms must stay home.
- Parents/Spectators will abide by all rules/protocols set by the rink and DVHL No parents in the building during the 25-capacity rule.
- Parents/Spectators will wear a face mask entering the rink and at all times while in the rink attending the DVHL games **when permitted.**
- Parents/Spectators will practice social distancing as much as possible
- Parents should refrain from attending practices, or volunteering to assist with coaching.

Please note this policy pertains to youth hockey activities in the Hersheypark Arena and the Giant Center. Twin Ponds East and other “hosting” rinks will have their own policies in place. Policies will be communicated to participants as received by the Hershey Jr. Bears.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world. COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.

Know how COVID-19 is spread - You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person. You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 - There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others. Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Practice social distancing - stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick - Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.



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The following web sites contain additional information relative to COVID-19

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019>

By you participating in HJB youth hockey you understand that despite all the best efforts to maintain safe and healthy operations and environments for your participation, you still may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support the COVID-19 Policy of the Hershey Jr. Bears.

Print Name (Parent/Guardian)

Print Name (Parent/Guardian)

Signature/Date

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Players Name: _____

Team Level: _____

Copy to parent/guardian

Signed copy retained by Hershey Jr. Bears.