



# Be a Tiger - Play Hockey!

## MAHA - COVID-19 / Return to Play Guidelines (updated 10/28/21)

In an effort to continue to keep all participants safe and healthy during the occurrence of COVID-19, Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) and its players, coaches, volunteers, parents, and spectators will follow the procedures and expectations outlined in this document.

Due to the fact that the State of Vermont is no longer operating under an Emergency Order from the Governor, there is no longer guidance provided by the state regarding COVID and youth sports. These guidelines were developed by the MAHA Board, with guidance from local school district officials, CDC, VT Department of Health & the Agency of Education. MAHA reserves the right to change these guidelines as needed and will do so as updated guidance is available from any of the aforementioned organizations. Please continue to check [www.middhockey.com](http://www.middhockey.com) from time-to-time for the latest information.

The Department of Health and Agency of Education published a **COVID-19 ADVISORY MEMORANDUM** that recommends masking regardless of vaccination status.

Should you have any questions on these guidelines or MAHA's response to a COVID-19 incident involving any of its participants, please contact MAHA's Player Safety Coordinator, Shane Kean at [middplayersafety@gmail.com](mailto:middplayersafety@gmail.com)

### Masking:

1. Masking rules will follow what ACSD is doing in school. For example, if masks are required in schools, masks will be required for indoor sports. As of today, ACSD is requiring masks in schools at least through January 2022.
2. This masking policy applies to everyone at an indoor MAHA event regardless of vaccination status, including participants, coaches, volunteers, and spectators. If this changes in schools, MAHA will update this policy.

### Spectators:

1. Spectators will be allowed as long as they are masked (see above).



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## Positive Cases:

1. If necessary, we will conduct internal contact tracing in partnership with the Health Department. [www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/your-community/prek-12-schools](http://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/your-community/prek-12-schools)

## Distancing / Other precautions:

We encourage everyone to take reasonable steps to reduce density and time spent in the rink, including:

1. Using both locker rooms and the benches in the common areas to get skates / equipment on and off
2. Arriving largely dressed and leave the rink quickly (as last year)

Teams travelling to Middlebury must adhere to our rink/association guidelines.

Middlebury teams travelling must adhere to the host rink/association guidelines.

*\*Note that some rinks associations may have guidelines that differ from ours. Please consult with your Team Coordinator before travelling to an away game so that you are aware of the host rink guidelines. **At a minimum, MAHA teams will follow MAHA masking guidelines at both home and away events until further notice.***

## Facility:

Friends of Middlebury Hockey (FOMH) will provide the following items to support MAHA's adherence to state pandemic guidelines:

- Sanitizing supplies; consumables and reusables refreshed frequently
- Distanced dressing/skate tying stations
- Increased HVAC air handling/filtration operations to provide increased air turnover
- Hygiene / cleaning stations distributed throughout rink

## The Basics:

### ● Be Smart, Be Safe

- If anyone planning to attend a MAHA event (child, parent, coach, or volunteer) is feeling sick, please stay home & return once symptom free.