



COVID-19 FAQ

The Tecumseh Shoreline Minor Hockey Association (“TSMHA”) is committed to following the guidelines established by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the Ontario Hockey Federation, and Hockey Canada, as they are issued or amended. The TSMHA relies on its Participants and Staff to recognize and respect best practices, as established by the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (“WECHU”) to help prevent the risk of contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19. Participants and Staff are encouraged to visit the WECHU website for information regarding self-assessment and hygiene practices.

What is the TSMHA doing in order to protect my family from COVID-19?

The TSMHA is committed to providing a dynamic and exciting hockey season while protecting its participants from COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible, which include but are not limited to the following:

- The provision of Guidelines for participants to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please refer to the Guidelines on the website at www.tsmha.net.
- The provision of Coaching Instructions governing drills and on-ice recommendations for coaches. The Coaching Instructions can also be found on the website at www.tsmha.net.
- All team officials, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers, etc. have completed OMHA recommended COVID training.
- Appointment of a Safety Ambassador.
- Development of protocols for working with the WECHU to allow for expeditious exchange of information in the event a participant tests positive for COVID-19.
- Ongoing review of all Guidelines and Instructions to ensure currency, and amending these documents as necessary.

Who is the TSMHA’s Safety Ambassador and what does he/she do?

Bryce Chandler (TSMHA Director of Communications) is designated as the TSMHA Safety Ambassador. He can be contacted at brycechandler@hotmail.com.

Bryce will be responsible for liaising with the WECHU in the event of a positive case of COVID-19 or if the WECHU is seeking information regarding contact tracing.



What steps is the Tecumseh Arena taking to minimize the spread of COVID-19?

The Tecumseh Arena is taking comprehensive steps to minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19, including:

- Implementation of traffic flow controls to help abide by physical distancing guidelines.
- Tecumseh Arena has also posted comprehensive signage in the facility to encourage and ensure physical distancing and to reinforce best practices regarding hygiene.
- Cleaning / sanitization protocols:
 - The Town has defined cleaning protocols with minimum daily cleaning / disinfection requirements.
 - Ongoing cleaning and disinfection of viewing areas each day.
 - Ongoing cleaning and disinfection of common touchpoints at least twice daily.
 - Cleaning and disinfection of dressing rooms.
 - Ongoing cleaning and disinfection of washroom facilities by Staff, details are documented on the area check list posted in each washroom facility.
 - Staff issued and wearing Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”) to perform their duties.
 - Cleaning staff are trained and will follow manufacturer’s instructions when using disinfectants.
 - Cleaning and disinfection equipment is stored onsite and restocked regularly or as may be required.
 - Garbage and recycling removed daily.
 - Hand sanitizer provided for public use upon entry to the arena and in the lobby area.

Can I bring my coffee into the arena with me?

No. No outside food or beverages are permitted in the Tecumseh Arena. In addition, face masks covering both the mouth and nose are required to be worn at all times while inside the building.

Why does my child need to come dressed if dressing rooms are available?

The TSMHA and the Town of Tecumseh are allowing the use of dressing rooms for limited use; for players to put on their skates, helmets and gloves. Dressing rooms will be limited to a maximum capacity to allow for social distancing of 2 metres. The object is to allow for a place for



skaters to leave their shoes and bags while at the same time minimizing contact or time in the room.

What happens if someone on my child's team tests positive for COVID-19?

If a member of your child's team tests positive for COVID-19, TSMHA will immediately contact the WECHU and follow their instructions. Based on the advice from the WECHU, either the WECHU or the TSMHA will follow up with instructions.

Will you tell the coach and team if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

No. Your information will remain private. We will contact the WECHU and work with them to ensure that individuals who have been in contact with your child are aware, but names or personal information will not be released.

The players on my child's team do not appear to be maintaining physical distancing during practice or on the bench. What should I do?

Send correspondence to your coach and express your concerns. Be patient. Coaches are volunteers and will be doing their best to ensure the safety of the players on their team.

I'm concerned that someone in the facility is coughing and/or is not wearing a mask. What should I do?

Recognize that not everyone with a cough has COVID-19 and, conversely, that not everyone who is not coughing is healthy. Take precautions to protect you by wearing your face covering and maintaining physical distance.

What else can I do to help?

The TSMHA requests that all parents / guardians do the following to ensure a smooth season and to avoid delays at the arena:

- Have a discussion with your family about concerns related to COVID-19 and confirm that you and your family are comfortable returning to the ice. The TSMHA is excited to have everyone back, but understands that people have different levels of



comfort. Ask your coach any questions you have and make sure that you and your skater are ready to train!

- Read and review the TSMHA Participation Guidelines. Familiarize yourself with instructions and requirements before attending at the arena. All documents can be found online on the TSMHA website.
- Review and confirm your Team Training Schedule. Make sure that you plan for the days you need to be at the arena.
- Complete the TSMHA COVID-19 Screening Form and be ready to be screened prior to the practice / game.
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell in any way.
- Use the hand sanitizer and follow common sanitization practices including daily self-monitoring, following handwashing protocols, adhering to physical distancing guidelines, and coughing and sneezing into tissues or your elbow.
- Ensure your player has their equipment prepared and arrives at the arena dressed and ready to play (except for gloves, skates, and helmets).
- Don't forget your cloth mask or face covering, which must be worn over both the nose and mouth when entering the arena.
- Obey the instructions as may be issued by arena Staff and/or Coaching Staff or other TSMHA Representatives.
- Remember that Coaching Staff and TSMHA Representatives are volunteers; their sole interest is ensuring your safety and the safety of others participating in TSMHA activities.
- The Town of Tecumseh has strongly recommended that only necessary parents / guardians attend to spectate. At present, the Town is not restricting overall attendance; however, this may change if appropriate distancing cannot be maintain, or is not voluntarily maintained. TSMHA strongly recommends that only parents attend at this time.
- A maximum of 40 participants, including coaches, officials, etc. will be allowed on the ice surface.
- Spectators are required to avoid congregating inside the arena and/or the entrances / exits to the Arena. In order to achieve this:
 - a. Players / participants are to arrive dressed as much as possible and are to enter the Arena no earlier than 20 minutes prior to the game time;



- b. Spectators are to enter the Arena no earlier than 10 minutes, unless one individual is required to enter early to assist with dressing, skate tying, etc.;
- c. Spectators are required to exit the Arena as soon as the game has finished and wait for players / participants in the parking lot or in their vehicles;
- d. Dressing rooms will be limited to maximum capacities, players shall not use other dressing rooms than those that have been designated and shall not exceed the maximum limits.