



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Hockey NL Members

**FROM:** Jared Butler, Vice President & Chief Medical Officer, Hockey NL

**DATE:** September 13, 2021

**RE:** **RETURN TO PLAY**

Dear Members

With the dawning of a new hockey season for Hockey NL and its members, we continue to adapt to the changing landscape revolving around the Sars-Cov-2 (Covid-19) pandemic. We have been monitoring the developments provincially, nationally, and internationally – taking our lead from our own provincial Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Department. As such, we have updated our Return to Play guidelines and policy. This can be found on the Hockey NL website for your consideration (<https://hockeynl.ca/covid-19/>).

As with past years, Hockey NL will be participating both across Newfoundland and Labrador, but also in Atlantic Canada and beyond. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all members that strict adherence to Public Health guidelines must be maintained for each province you may be participating in. Members are reminded that Public Health rules may differ from province to province – this can include vaccination requirements, mask mandates, and quarantine requirements.

Travel rules are also evolving between provinces, including in the “Atlantic Bubble”. Members are reminded that travelling between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick does have requirements with respect to vaccination, masks, and quarantine. All members should be aware of what the requirements are BEFORE they embark on travel with any team outside of Newfoundland and Labrador. Any member who does not meet requirements for travel to, or between, provinces shall be solely responsible for any/all ramifications. Hockey NL will not be responsible for any costs incurred for any member with respect to violations of Public Health guidelines both within Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as Atlantic Canada. It is the Members responsibility to be aware of the requirements for vaccination, masks and quarantine regulations PRIOR to any departure and they should plan accordingly.

Hockey NL has strongly encouraged double vaccination and a lack may result in significant challenges for participation on the part of a member. Hockey NL is excited to be back to playing our game again but reminds all our members of the need to adhere to Public Health guidelines.

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Any member with questions regarding this policy can contact the Hockey NL Office or Hockey NL's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jared Butler ([vp@hockeynl.ca](mailto:vp@hockeynl.ca)).

The latest Public Health guidelines can be found at:

[Newfoundland](#)

[Nova Scotia](#)

[New Brunswick](#)

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Please stay safe and be kind to each other.

Thank You