



## Officials' COVID-19 Precautions 2020-2021

Note: This document highlights Officials' specific information found in the full Hockey Manitoba Return to Play Document. For full details, please visit: [HockeyManitoba.ca/return-to-play/](https://HockeyManitoba.ca/return-to-play/)

### Arriving at the Arena

- Arenas are required to follow provincial guidelines just as businesses regarding masks, hand hygiene, capacity, and physical distancing. Follow the arena's rules.
- If you are sick, stay home. Do not come to the arena; your assignor will understand.

### In the Dressing Room

- Officials should wear a non-medical face mask until you put on your helmet to go on the ice.
- To promote physical distancing, Time Keepers should not enter the referee room. Instead, complete game sheet in the hallway where physical distancing is easier.
- Mentors and supervisors are encouraged to avoid entering dressing rooms where physical distancing is difficult. Instead, consider using the hallway if possible.
- You are encouraged to exit the dressing room a.s.a.p following your game, giving arena staff time to clean and the officials for the next game time to change while physically distancing.

### On-the-Ice

- Officials should acknowledge/greet the coaches, but do not make physical contact.
- When speaking to captains or coaches, maintain physical distancing.
- Talk to the Time Keeper through the penalty gate rather than the hole to maintain 2- meter physical distance.
- The Time Keeper should wear a mask while working in the penalty bench.
- Players will not shake-hands after the game. Instead, each team will line up on their blue line and raise their sticks in salute.

### Game Play

- This is a summary, please see Hockey Canada RTP rules for full information. HC RTP Rules are Found in the top left corner of [wpgrefs.com](https://wpgrefs.com)
- In 2020-2021, players need to minimize the amount of time they are within 2 meters of each other. On-ice officials can help reduce the time players are close to each other by:
  - Encouraging/allowing players to practice physically distancing on their side of the circle while waiting for a face-off. Have players line-up at the last moment before a face-off.
  - Quickly stopping play if a puck is not moving along the boards or in front of the net (for more information please see Hockey Canada RTP Rules).

- Quickly stopping play will help decrease tempers and pushing after the whistle.
- Strictly enforce Unsportsmanlike Conduct under Rule 9.2a to discourage pushing and engaging after the whistle.
- “Face washing” another player must be discouraged by assessing, at minimum, a 2+2 for Head Contact.
- Spitting water or saliva is absolutely discouraged. Use the following procedure:
  - Advise the coach of the offending player, the coach addresses the issue.
  - A team is allowed to receive 2 warnings.
  - On the third instance of the same team spitting a minor penalty under 9.2a Unsportsmanlike Conduct is assessed to the player who spat the third time.
  - On the fourth instance, a misconduct penalty is assessed to the player who spat the fourth time. YOU MUST REPORT THIS MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO YOUR R.I.C. who will then report it to Hockey Winnipeg.

REMINDER: This document is a summary of the Hockey Manitoba RTP website and the Hockey Canada Return to Play rules. Please review those documents, with links found in the top left corner of wpgrefs.com.