

We are very happy that Zone 1 has returned to the Yellow phase, meaning that our arenas are able to reopen and we are able to return to play as of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. That being said, it is more important than ever to adhere to the Public Safety guidelines in order to reduce the risk of another possible outbreak in our region possibly resulting in returning to the Orange phase. Here are a few reminders and clarifications. Please transfer this message to parents/guardians/players/etc.

**1 – A mask must be worn AT ALL TIMES** in the Bouctouche and Cocagne rinks.

Parents/guardians are not allowed to take off their mask during their time in the rink, including while sitting in their respective seats. Players and coaches can take off their mask during on-ice activities only. Masks are also mandatory in the dressing rooms before and after ice time. **\*\*\*Please note that the rink does not have masks to offer the public\*\*\*.**

**2 – A maximum of 2 parents/guardians/siblings per player** will be allowed to enter the rink for each ice time. 2 parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter with 1 or more siblings. The only exception to this rule would be if a single parent HAS to enter with more than 1 sibling. In that case, the other siblings will also be allowed to enter if they are not capable of being alone. Any siblings required to be at the facility **MUST** be accompanied by and **under the strict supervision of an adult at all times.**

Most groups are currently in phase 2 of the HNB's return to play guidelines until at least November 6<sup>th</sup>, Elite (AAA) hockey teams are already in phase 3 as of today October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**During phase 3, full use of the players' bench is now allowed in our establishments with the following criteria:**

- If you are under the jurisdiction of a provincial association, you must follow the rules and steps published in your provincial association's COVID operational plan prior to the facility.
- Team bench participants must rotate on a regular basis.
- While on the bench, the back-up goalie must wear a mask.
- Injured players who are not participating in the game are not allowed on the bench.
- Spitting is not permitted while using the bench.
- Please limit the number of coaches on the bench.
- Coaches must wear the mask at all times while they are with the players on the team bench
- No grouping around the bench before the start of periods.
- No team cheers

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in following the Public Safety guidelines as we return to play.