

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: OMHA Member Associations: OMHA Leagues

CC: OMHA Board of Directors; OMHA Convenors

FROM: Ian Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT: OMHA VACCINATION POLICY - UPDATE

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Following Health Canada's approval of the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, children aged five to 11 are eligible to book their appointment to receive the vaccine beginning Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

The <u>OMHA Vaccination Policy</u> requires that all participants be Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19, as a condition of participating in any Sanctioned Activities during the 2021-22 hockey season. At present, this policy does not apply to hockey players born after 2009 or hockey spectators.

After careful consideration, the Board of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association has determined its Vaccination Policy will remain in effect as stated for the balance of the 2021-2022 season.

Implementing this requirement for participants aged 5-11 mid-season will create significant challenges for our Minor Hockey Associations and Leagues including disruption to programming.

The Board of Directors strongly encourage all eligible participants to receive the COVID-19 vaccine which will help protect Ontario's progress in the fight against COVID-19 and ensure continued programming with minimal disruption.

## **COVID-19 Incident Reporting**

As more people move indoors and attend family gatherings during the colder months this winter, OMHA Associations are reminded that we are continuing to monitor the occurrences of diagnosed COVID-19 which have impacted 2021-22 programming.

Any occurrence of confirmed COVID-19 within your Association that has impacted programming must be reported. This includes any occurrence that may already be resolved as of the date of this Bulletin. The person responsible for submitting the report should be the individual identified as your Association's COVID-19 Communications Officer or Safety Officer. Incident Reports are NOT to be submitted by Team Staff.

To access the OMHA Association COVID-19 Incident Reporting tool please use the following link. This tool is designed to ensure that we are able to track occurrences while maintaining the privacy of those involved.

## OMHA Association COVID-19 Incident Reporting

If you have any questions regarding the reporting process please do not hesitate to contact the OMHA Office.