



HOCKEY HELPS THE HOMELESS HQ

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STATEMENT FROM HOCKEY HELPS THE HOMELESS TOURNAMENTS RE: COVID-19

As you are probably already aware, COVID-19 is making its way around the world. As a Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH) attendee, your safety has always been, and remains, our number one priority. We want to inform you of the steps we're taking at HHTH to maintain a healthy and safe environment for our Tournament attendees, participants and volunteers.

The team at HHTH has been keeping a close eye on the issue and we have been in constant communication with our local rink staff to ensure that the proper cleaning measures are in place. We will continue to closely monitor the status of COVID-19 through the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to ensure we're up to date on the latest advancements.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared an international pandemic for the current outbreak of the disease; ***though it's important to note that the Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with coronavirus as low for Canadians.*** There are currently 93* confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the country (36 in Ontario, 4 in Quebec and 14 in Alberta – the provinces in which the balance of our Tournaments will be held). Currently, the Canadian government and respective international authorities are working on containment measures to stop the spread of the virus.

At this time, Hockey Helps the Homeless has no plans to cancel or postpone any upcoming events.

Come Tournament day, we ask that all attendees (Players, Sponsors, Volunteers and guests) take the following precautions:

- If you are feeling at all unwell, stay home and speak to your primary care provider.
- Thoroughly wash your hands upon arriving at the rink/venue. For players, be sure to wash your hands before and after your games – especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Short on time? Use the hand sanitizer provided throughout the rink, or please bring your own from home.
- As much as possible, avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.
- If you find yourself sneezing or coughing, please do it into a tissue or your elbow. Please then wash your hands.
- Bring extra towels to use in the change rooms and avoid sharing towels, equipment or clothing of any kind.
- Avoid any unnecessary touching (i.e elbow or stick taps instead of high fives).

In addition, HHTH has purchased Lysol Wipes for each change room.



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Resources and for more information visit:

- World Health Organization: [COVID-19 information](#)
- Canada: [COVID-19 information](#)
- Ontario: [Status of COVID-19 in Ontario](#)
- Quebec: [Status of COVID-19 in Quebec](#)
- Alberta: [Status of COVID-19 in Alberta](#)

*Statistics as of March 10, 2020:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to discuss at any time – I have provided my e-mail and cell number below.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ryan Baillie'.



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