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Barrie AAA Zone Hockey Return to Play - Update #6

COVID Case

We have had our first positive COVID case with one of our Barrie AAA players this week. It directly affected 2 of our teams, Minor Midget (U16) and Midget (U18). The parents of both teams have been communicated with and in conjunction with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit all appropriate measures have been taken. I don't want to go into further details other than to report that the family involved contacted us immediately and we were then able to immediately take the proper steps required to mitigate this. It has resulted in our Minor Midget players having to self-isolate for 14 days. I don't believe there was anything that could have been done to prevent this situation, however it does highlight the risk out there and the requirement to take all precautions available. The requirement to social distance and wear a mask as much as possible can not be over emphasized to try our best to protect everyone.

Playing within our Health Unit

My last bulletin resulted in a number of questions regarding staying within our "bubble". As demonstrated above the risk of a COVID case and the resulting suspension of our program is always a major concern. With that in mind it is imperative that we all limit our contacts as much as possible. I realize players are involved in other hockey training and perhaps other sports activities and we can't restrict you from only playing within the Barrie AAA Zone program. However, if you choose to engage in other sport related activities with players outside of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, you will be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days and not participate in Barrie AAA Zone programs during that period. There may be minor exceptions to this mandate and you should bring those to your Team Manger who will seek clarification.

As we have now moved to an Orange level of risk in our area, we are only one step away from ceasing operations and it is imperative that we all make responsible choices. Your continued cooperation and understanding are appreciated.

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