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LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANTS

Each Club is permitted to have 2 locker room attendants per Club on site during Games.

- The home club is required to provide the attendants for the visiting Club.
- The visiting Club's attendants shall also be assigned to On-Ice Officials locker room, and shall assist with room set-up and break down.
- Locker room attendants are in Group 2A and are permitted in Restricted Areas, but shall limit their interactions with Players, equipment managers and medical staffs, and the On-Ice Officials, as well as their time inside Club spaces when Club staff are present, to the greatest extent possible.
- Locker room attendants shall be stationed outside the locker room space during Games or while Players are present.
- Locker room attendants are not permitted on the Club bench or runway to the Club bench during Games, warm-ups, morning skates or practices.
- Any equipment requested by the visiting Club shall be retrieved by the locker room attendant and delivered to a specified location outside the visiting Club locker room. The visiting Club equipment staff will retrieve it from there.

Locker room attendants are responsible for:

- Assisting with Club laundry services.
- Stocking the locker room spaces with products as required in the PHAT/SPHEM handbook prior to Club arrivals.
- Breaking down/setting up the Club benches during pre/post-game & during intermissions.
- Assisting with loading/ unloading equipment trucks at the venue.

Visiting locker room attendants can be utilized as the home club provided liaison for the venue.

A pool of locker room attendants can be used to fill these positions. However, staff should be assigned to the home or visiting room for the season and only work those respective rooms.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANTS

- Locker room attendants are required to properly wear a face covering at all times.
- Face coverings shall completely cover the mouth and nose, fit snugly against the sides of the face, and shall be secured under the chin.
 - Acceptable face coverings include medical grade masks or 3-layer cloth coverings (or at least two cloth layers with a filter).
 - Gaiters are not permitted to function as face coverings.
 - Bandanas are not permitted to function as face coverings.
 - Use of a face shield does not eliminate the requirement to wear a face covering underneath.

¹ All participants are assigned to "Groups" based on their roles and responsibilities, and the level of their required access to: (a) Player, Club and League areas (hereafter, "Restricted Areas"), which include without limitation, locker rooms, Club benches, penalty benches, on-ice, training rooms, rehabilitation areas, exam/procedure rooms, weight rooms, hydrotherapy rooms, equipment rooms, coaches rooms, strength and conditioning areas, laundry rooms, dressing rooms, areas of ingress and egress into the Club Facilities (including to and from the parking area), General Managers' work spaces and seating areas, On-Ice Official rooms, Off-Ice Officials work spaces and seating areas, and the corridors and paths of travel connecting each of the foregoing; and (b) other areas (hereafter "Non-Restricted Areas").

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- Face coverings which have exhalation valves or vents are prohibited.
- Locker room attendants shall observe physical distancing requirements (at least 6 feet) in all interactions with Club personnel, including Players.
- Locker room attendants are required to wear gloves when handling laundry, equipment, and while cleaning and disinfecting. Gloves must be changed after handling dirty laundry.
- In the event locker room attendants need to leave the Restricted Area¹ they must replace gloves and face covering upon return.

VISITING CLUB EQUIPMENT HANDLING

- The home Club is responsible for providing an equipment truck in order to facilitate the transfer of visiting Club equipment to and from the airport/rink/practice rink.
 - Prior to the visiting Club equipment being loaded, the storage compartment of the truck must be clean and disinfected using detergent-based cleaners and EPA registered List-N detergent/disinfectants that will remove bacteria like MRSA from surfaces and kill common viruses like mumps, measles, cold, coronavirus, and influenza viruses.
 - » **Disinfectants for Coronavirus (COVID-19)**
 - » **Cleaning & Disinfection**
 - » **Hard-surface Disinfectants & Hand Sanitizers (COVID-19)**
 - All cleaners and disinfectants must be used in accordance with the product label and manufacturer's recommendations. The truck must not contain any other Clubs' equipment during transportation.
 - Visiting Club staff are not allowed to travel in the equipment truck with the driver.
 - The driver must wear a face covering and gloves while adhering to social distancing rules when picking up and dropping off the Club's equipment.
- It is recommended that visiting Club designate one consistent staff member to interact with the local Club/venue representatives.
- Upon arrival to the arena or practice facility the home Club must provide an individual who is in Group 1 or 2 to act as a liaison between that venue and the visiting Club.

GROUP 1 OR 2A EQUIPMENT MANAGER TRUCK DRIVER

- Clubs who provide an Equipment Manager under the same testing cadence as Group 1 individuals can drive the equipment truck to and from the airport to pick up the home or visiting Clubs.
 - Equipment Manager must always wear a properly fitting mask and gloves when on airport grounds.
 - Airport baggage handlers must not enter the equipment truck at any time.
 - The visiting Club equipment staff can assist the Club provided (Groups 1/2A) truck driver with loading the truck plane.
 - Visiting Club equipment staff are not allowed to ride in the truck.

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- The Home Club Equipment Manager/Truck driver can serve as the venue liaison for the visiting Club and also work as a visiting locker room attendant

THIRD-PARTY TRUCK DRIVERS

- Clubs who utilize a 3rd party to transfer the home and visiting club to the arena and airport must follow the following protocols.
 - Truck driver and any assistants must properly wear an approved mask and gloves while handling the equipment.
 - Truck driver and assistants can load/unload the equipment truck plane side.
 - » If the Club staff is loading/unloading the equipment themselves, the truck driver **must** remain in the cab of the truck while equipment staff is in the area.
 - At no point should the truck driver interact with the home club or visiting club staff at the airport or arena.
 - At the arena the truck driver must remain inside the cab until truck is unloaded. Once unloaded the truck driver must vacate the arena.
 - Clubs would need to provide a Group 1/2A individual to act as a liaison between the venue and the visiting staff.
 - » This person must also not have any interactions with the truck driver.

EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS FOR PRACTICE FACILITIES AND DRIVING DISTANCE AWAY GAMES

- Equipment staff who are transporting equipment in their home city to and from the game rink and practice rink, may drive the Club equipment truck and handle loading and unloading of gear. In this instance the head and assistant equipment manager (maximum of two persons per cab) may ride in the same cab if they are always both masked and windows down when possible.
- Clubs that are within driving distance of their away game and using a Club owned vehicle, may drive to and from the away city and they are able to handle loading and unloading of gear. This is limited to the head equipment and assistant equipment manager (maximum of two persons) only and they must always wear masks and keep the window down when possible.

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

- When possible the tools/machines required to make equipment repairs should be relocated to a neutral location that either Club can access.
- The equipment must be wiped down after each Club use.
- If not possible to relocate the tools/machines, then the visiting equipment staff can enter the home club equipment room and the following must be adhered to:

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- While the visiting equipment staff is in the room the home club staff and players must vacate the equipment room.
- A mask must always be properly worn.
- All surfaces that the visiting equipment staff were in contact with must be wiped down with approved cleaning products.

EQUIPMENT VENDORS

- Equipment vendors are assigned to Group 4 and should not be allowed in any Restricted Areas, nor shall they have in-person interactions with Group 1 or 2 individuals. All correspondence should be done virtually for the 2020/21 season.