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# Fans Who Attended November 28 and December 2 Peterborough Petes Games at Low Risk of Exposure

## *All Close Contacts are Tested and in Self-Isolation*

Peterborough Public Health is advising fans who attended the Peterborough Petes' home games on November 28 and December 2 that there is a very low risk of exposure at this time connected to a positive COVID-19 case currently affecting the hockey club.

"All close contacts from this specific exposure have since been identified, tested, and remain in self-isolation while awaiting their results," said Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health. "While the risk to others who attended those games is very low, this is a strong reminder for everyone that exposures can happen in any public setting, so it's always a good idea to monitor for symptoms and if they develop, get tested and isolate immediately."

General Manager Mike Oke of the Peterborough Petes confirmed that all players and staff with the hockey club are fully vaccinated. He and the entire Petes organization have been working closely with Peterborough Public Health to ensure all public health guidelines and protocols are being followed.

Dr. Piggott noted that proof of vaccination was required for everyone 12 years of age and over to enter the Peterborough Memorial Centre (PMC) for the game. Patrons must also follow these other public health measures at PMC:

- Face coverings are mandatory at all times unless actively eating or drinking in your ticketed seat. Children under the age of two will not require a face covering/mask.
- Physical distancing guidelines must be followed. There are markers on the floor to help people stay a minimum of 2 metres apart.
- Hands must be washed or sanitized regularly. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the facility.
- Ticketholders are required to [submit a contact tracing form online](#) prior to entry that lists the full name and phone number for each ticketholder in their group. This form also includes a list of active [screening questions](#).

In addition, the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) requires all attendees including fans, staff and media to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and follow any other safety protocols in any team's arena announced by the league on Friday.

"While the COVID-19 vaccination is proving effective at reducing transmission of the virus, its greatest strength is preventing severe illness. Breakthrough cases can still occur," said Dr. Piggott. "I commend the efforts of the Peterborough Petes and OHL for doing their part to mandate a strong vaccination policy and ensuring public health measures are respected to keep the hockey community, and the public at large, as safe as possible."

Peterborough Public Health continues to encourage children ages 5-11 years to get vaccinated and has opened up additional clinics on December 7 and 11 to accommodate the demand. Residents over 50 years of age are also strongly advised to get a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, available at pharmacies and some clinics run by Peterborough Public Health.

For more information about COVID-19 and how to stay safe, please visit [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca).

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