

GTHL Club Memorandum

To: Club General Managers & Presidents
From: Scott Oakman
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Re: Pre-Game Routine
cc: GTHL Board of Directors GTHL Life Members
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As you may well know, prior to each game the on-ice officials approach each bench and shake hands with the Team Officials from each team.

This procedure has caused some concern as it relates to the H1N1 and other flu viruses specifically as it relates to the potential for this procedure to put Team Officials, Players and Officials at an unnecessary risk of exposure to the virus.

Given this concern the GTHL is implementing a new procedure for the balance of the 2009-10 season effective immediately.

The new procedure involves the on-ice officials approaching each bench prior to the game. The on-ice officials will greet the Team Officials and wish them good luck without a handshake.

We believe this procedure will significantly reduce the potential for exposure for all involved but still demonstrates the sportsmanlike gesture intended by the handshaking procedure.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime.

I appreciate your anticipated cooperation in communicating this to your teams.

Sincerely,

Scott Oakman
Executive Director

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