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SUBJECT: H1N1 Virus – Handshaking

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hockey Canada would like to emphasize that the information distributed in bulletin I10-03 related to the H1N1 virus has not changed with respect to recommendations around its prevention.

Saying this, we have had numerous enquiries with respect to hand shaking following hockey games and the spread of the H1N1 virus. Hockey Canada has posed this question to our Chief Medical Officer, and we feel that preventative steps such as hand washing are as important.

Although the spread of germs can be done in many forms, and simply keeping hockey gloves on or not shaking hands doesn't in itself eliminate the spread, it is entirely up to your Branch or Associations as to what you dictate around post-game hand shakes. If your organization decides to identify other options to replace handshaking we would recommend asking players to keep gloves on when shaking hands, to line up on the blue lines and salute each other, or to have players simply skate by and nod to each other in the line. Keep in mind we still stress that promoting the preventative guidelines distributed is the most important.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 613-562-5677 extension #2323.

Sincerely
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