



# **HOCKEY CANADA**

## **INFORMATION BULLETIN D'INFORMATION**

**Bulletin No.: I1007**

**To:** Officers  
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**Date:** **October 29, 2009**

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**SUBJECT: H1N1 Virus – Handshaking – Game Officials**

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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 **shaking hands with team officials at the beginning of the game as part of the FAIR PLAY INITIATIVE.**

**Although the spread of germs can be done in many forms, and simply 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 shaking hands with team officials. If your organization decides to identify other options to replace handshaking we would recommend asking officials to verbally greet team officials at the bench. Keep in mind we still stress that promoting the preventative guidelines distributed is as important.**

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

Sincerely

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