# NHL schedule changes 2021: List of games postponed, rescheduled because of COVID-19

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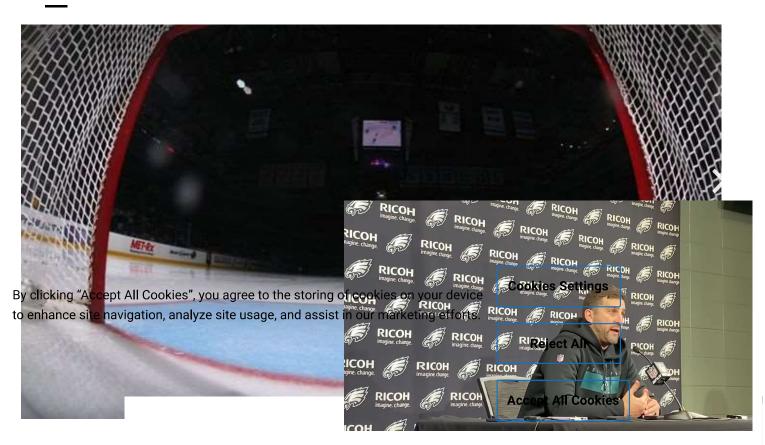








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The NHL announced on Dec. 20 that the 2021 regular season was a go and would begin on Jan. 13.

The schedule, a 56-game condensed sprint to the Stanley Cup playoffs, was devised with the expectation that some games would have to be postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to TSN's Pierre LeBrun: "The key word this season is 'nimble." The rise in cases in the United States and Canada was expected, unfortunately, to impact games.





On Jan. 8, that expectation came to fruition after the Stars announced six players and two staff members tested positive for the coronavirus. The team shut down its training facility as a precaution, and because the news came six days before the start of Dallas' season, its first three games were postponed.

Also on Jan. 8, the Blue Jackets announced the same day that they "held a number of players out of" the team's practice that day "out of an abundance of caution and in accordance with NHL COVID-19 protocols." The team did not yet postpone any games.

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As of Feb. 2, a total of 18 games have been postponed due to COVID-19 impacting at least one club.

NHL games impacted by COVID-19

### Date of game ppd. Game

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Fri., Jan. 15

Stars at Panthers

Sun., Jan. 17

Tues., Jan. 1



Thurs., Jan. 21 Panthers at Hurricanes Wed., Feb. 17  Sat., Jan. 23 Panthers at Hurricanes Sun., March 7  Tues., Jan. 26 Lightning at Hurricanes Mon., Feb. 22  Thurs., Jan. 28 Blues at Golden Knights Mon, March 22  Mon., Feb. 1 Golden Knights at Sharks Sun., Feb. 13  Tues., Feb. 2 Devils at Penguins Sun., March 21  Tues., Feb. 2 Sabres at Islanders Mon., Feb. 22  Wed., Feb. 3 Golden Knights at Sharks Thurs., Feb. 25  Thurs., Feb. 4 Devils at Penguins Tues., April 20  Thurs., Feb. 4 Sabres at Islanders Thurs., March 4  Thurs., Feb. 4 Wild at Avalanche Wed., Feb. 24  Sat., Feb. 6 Rangers at Devils Thurs., March 4  Sat., Feb. 6 Sabres at Bruins Sat., March 27	
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Tues., Feb. 9 Blues at Wild	

Hurricanes at Predators\*

Tues., March 2

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Tues., Jan. 19

Thurs., Feb. 11	Coyotes at Avalanche	Mon., April 12
Thurs., Feb. 11	Capitals at Sabres	Mon., March 15
Thurs., Feb. 11	Blues at Wild	Thurs., March 25
Thurs., Feb. 11	Devils at Flyers	Sun., April 25
Sat., Feb. 13	Capitals at Sabres	Fri., April 9
Sat., Feb. 13	Wild at Kings	Fri., April 23
Sat., Feb. 13	Devils at Flyers	Mon., May 10
Sun., Feb. 14	Flyers at Rangers	Thurs., April 22
Mon., Feb. 15	Devils at Bruins	Sun., March 7
Thurs., Feb. 25	Golden Knights at Sharks	Fri., April 23
Sat., March 20	Bruins at Sabres	Tues., April 20
Mon., March 22	Oilers at Canadiens^	Tues., March 30
Tues., March 23	Islanders at Bruins	Mon., May 10
Wed., March 24	Oilers at Canadiens	Mon., May 10
Fri., March 26	Oilers at Canadiens	Tues., May 11
Sun., March 28	Senators at Canadiens	Sat., April 17
Wed., March 31	Flames at Canucks	RICOH RICOH RICO
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Sat., April 3 Canucks at Oilers

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Tues., April 6 Canucks at Jets

Thurs., April

Sat., April 10



Mon., April 12	Canucks at Oilers	Sat., May 8
Wed., April 14	Canucks at Oilers	Sat., May 15
Fri., April 16	Kings at Avalanche	
Fri., April 16	Oilers at Canucks	
Sun., April 18	Kings at Avalanche	

<sup>\*</sup>Hurricanes at Predators was the first NHL game to be postponed on the day of.

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Due to Dallas' games being postponed in January, the following games were also impacted:

- Panthers at Red Wings, originally scheduled for Feb. 21, is now Sat., Feb. 20.
- Stars at Panthers, originally scheduled for Feb. 23, is now Wed., Feb. 24.
- Sabres at Penguins, originally scheduled for March 27, is now Fri., March 26.
- Bruins at Capitals, originally scheduled for April 11, is now Sat. April 10.
- Penguins at Sabres, originally scheduled for April 20, is now Mon., April 19.

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After Carolina's games were postpone

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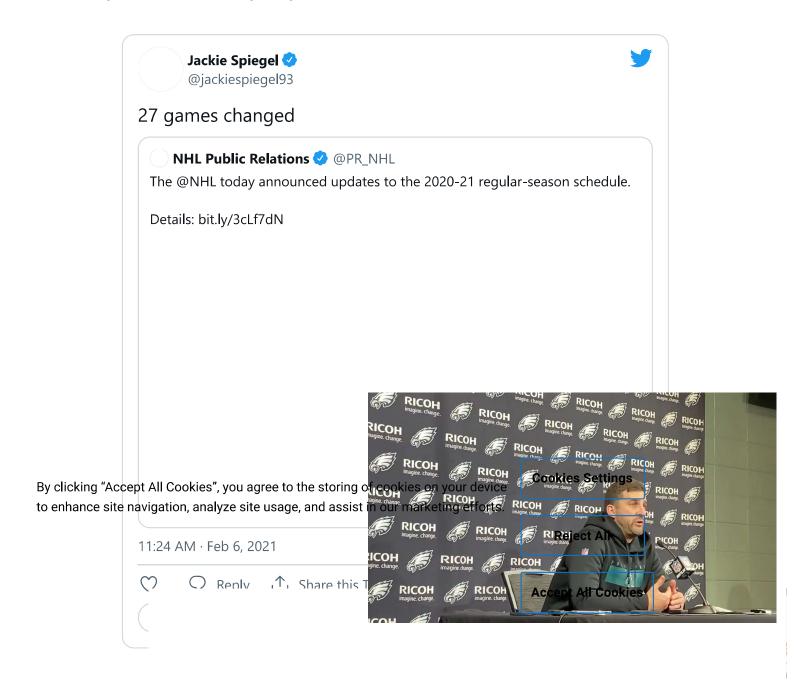
<sup>^</sup>First North Division game postponed.

With the postponement of three Golden Knights games, the following games were changed as well:

- Ducks at Sharks, originally scheduled for Feb.13, is now Tues., April 6
- Golden Knights at Ducks, originally scheduled for Feb. 26, is now Fri., April 23.
- Blues at Sharks, originally scheduled for Feb. 26, is now Mon., March 8.

After the Avalanche and Wild were shut down for a week, the NHL adjusted the schedule and moved two games from March to February:

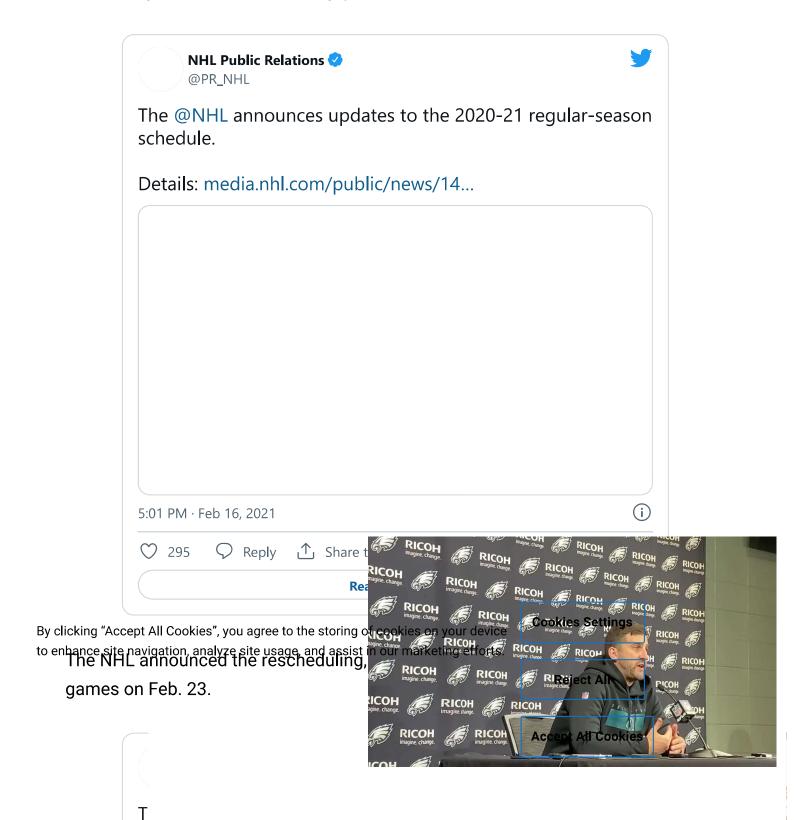
- Coyotes at Blues, originally scheduled for March 29, is now Sat., Feb. 6.
- Coyotes at Blues, originally scheduled for March 31, is now Mon., Feb. 8.

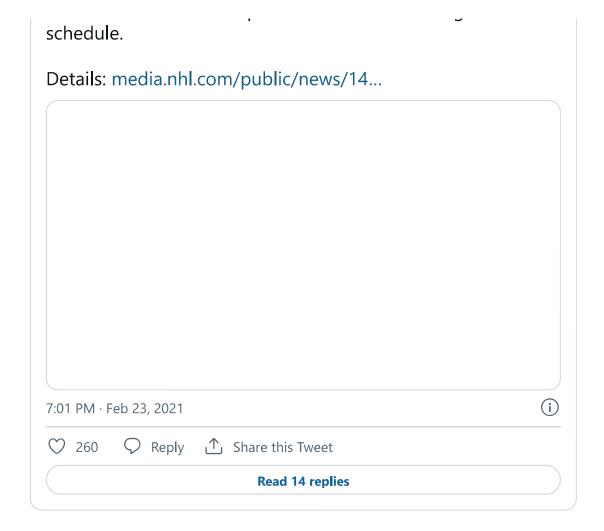


With a number of teams shut down, on Feb. 9, the NHL shifted another game and now the Blues and Coyotes will play seven straight games against each other.

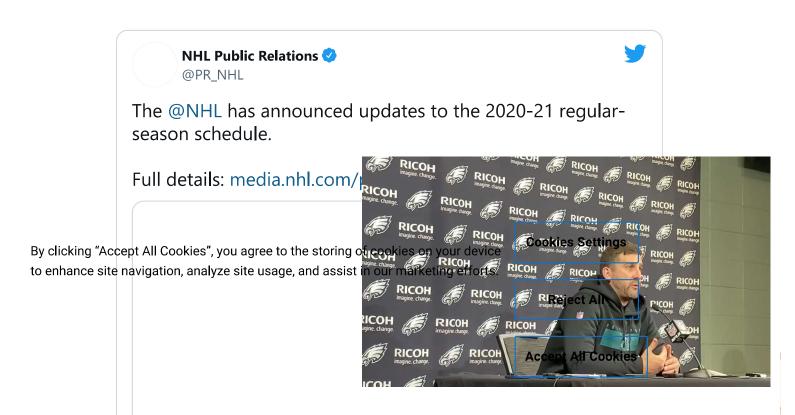
• Blues at Coyotes, originally scheduled for April 15, is now Fri., Feb. 12

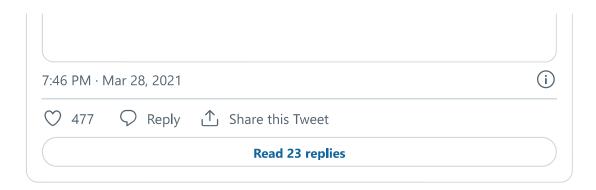
On Feb. 16, the NHL announced the shifted of 30 games on the 2021 schedule (29 date changes, one is a time change).





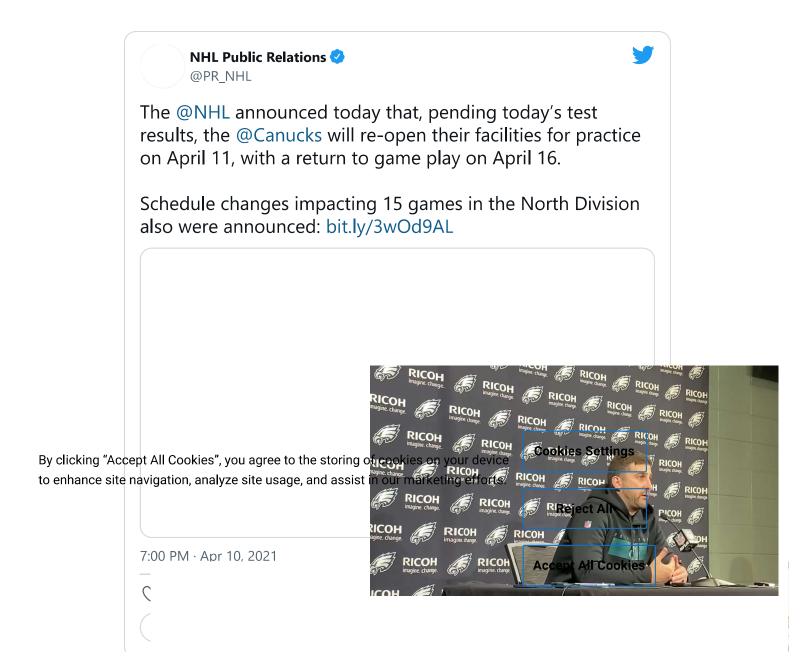
More schedule changes were announced on March 28, including seeing a number of games set for May 10.



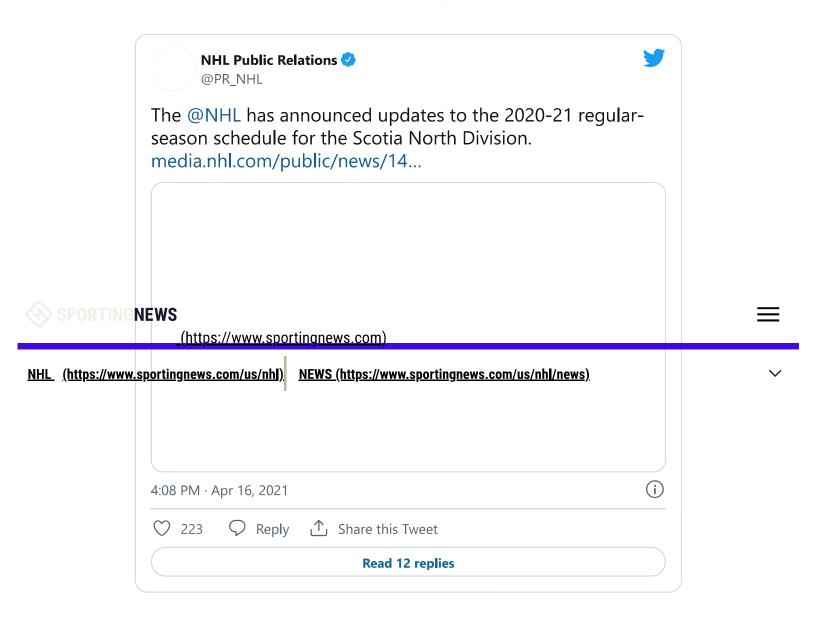


#### With the Canucks shut down

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The North Division's season is extended to May 19.



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