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## **IRON RANGE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION COVID-19 ACTION PLAN**

IRHA has developed the plan below in accordance with the City of Negaunee, Marquette County Health Department, the State of Michigan, and the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association. This plan is created to help ensure the safety of our players, spectators, and the community at large during the Covid-19 pandemic. This action plan is subject to change as regulations from our governing bodies change.

### **HEALTH CHECKS FOR PLAYERS AND PARTICIPANTS:**

Below is a list of questions for self-check health screening. If you or your player are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please refrain from entering the arena and notify your team parent or coach.

1. Have you recently been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus?
2. Have you recently been tested for the Covid-19 virus and are awaiting results?
3. Do you have a fever or are you feeling feverish or chilled?
4. Do you have a cough?
5. Do you have any shortness of breath?
6. Do you have a sore throat?
7. Do you have any abnormal muscle aches?
8. Do you have a headache?

9. Do you have any loss of taste or smell?

If you answer no to all the questions above, you must give your child's name, your name, and a phone number at which you can be easily reached to your team's check-in person before entering the arena. This information will be filled into your team's practice log sheet to allow for contact tracing if necessary. IRHA must keep track of everyone who has been in the building at a given time. A separate binder will be used for games.

**MASK REQUIREMENTS:**

All arena staff, players and spectators will be required to wear a mask at all times within the Negaunee Ice Arena. This includes during on-ice participation with the following exceptions:

1. Health reasons that do not allow the person to wear a mask (City of Negaunee will require a doctors note).
2. City staff while in their own office or work area.

**BUILDING CAPACITY:**

Only one (1) adult shall accompany a player to a practice. No younger siblings will be permitted with the adult.

Only two (2) spectators per player shall accompany a player for games.

**BUILDING ENTRANCE AND EXITS:**

All players and spectators will enter through the main lobby doors. All will check in at the table at the entrance and be directed on where to go next. **Make sure everyone is wearing a mask!**

All players will exit through the rink doors (East doors facing the parking lot in the "cold area").

**PRACTICE/GAME DAY ROUTINE:**

Players and spectators can only arrive at the arena 15 minutes before their scheduled ice time. ALL PLAYERS will be required to show up dressed to play except for helmets, skates, and gloves and be wearing a mask. Spectators must wear a mask at all times.

Upon entering the main lobby doors you will "check in" with the table attendant. You will be required to give your name, your player name, and a phone number and verify that you answer 'no' to all the self check questions.

You will then proceed up the back steps to the "warm area". Here you will put on the last of your gear in preparation for taking the ice. The lobby will not be used for putting on skates.

Make sure that you have your own water bottle with your name clearly printed on it. IRHA will not be supplying water bottles this year. The drinking fountain in the lobby is turned off except for the bottle filling station, but we strongly encourage people to show up with them already filled.

When all gear is in place, players will proceed down the main steps to the lobby to go onto the ice. We ask parents to limit their time upstairs and to allow coaches to tie laces and snap helmets whenever possible.

Upon leaving the ice the skaters will proceed upstairs to remove their skates, helmet, and gloves. The locker rooms and showers will not be available for use.

Everyone MUST be out of the arena within 10 minutes of getting off the ice. The next group will not be allowed in the arena until the previous group has left, so please don't loiter.

### **CLEANING:**

Ice arena staff will conduct frequent cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces. Restrooms will be cleaned several times throughout the day. All IRHA players and spectators are encouraged to place all garbage in trash cans as to not leave it for someone else to pick up.

### **CONTACT TRACING:**

Each team will designate an adult to report to the board with any possible infections. In addition, a coach or team parent will create a schedule of parents to man the entry table and record all attendants at practice/games. Failure to show up for your shift at the check in table will result in a \$50 fine just like not showing up for a concession shift. If anyone fails to provide their name and phone number they will be denied entry to the facility.

If a player tests positive, the entire team or level will be required to be out of the arena for 14 days.

If two or more positives occur in a small time frame the arena may close for all levels.

### **CONCESSIONS:**

To start the year we will not have a concession stand at any practices. Once the season is up and running we may be adding concession duties for weekends and/or games. Coaches or team parents may have to add the additional concession game schedule to go along with the check-in table jobs.

### **TRAVEL AND VISITING TEAMS:**

Visiting teams to the Negaunee Ice Arena shall be limited to only teams from region 6 & 8 of the Michigan safe start plan.

### **OPEN SKATE AND PUBLIC RENTALS:**

There will be no open skate, birthday parties, or public rentals to start the season. IRHA is only allowed to have its own members on the ice and may not sell ice time to other organizations. These may resume if it is determined to be safe for the staff and participants.

## **REFUNDS FOR LOST ICE TIME DUE TO COVID RELATED ISSUES:**

A prorated hardship refund will be issued if a parent has a loss of income due to Covid-19. A player that leaves the association may not sign up at the same level at another association.

If levels or the entire arena are closed, due to a positive test(s), records of the lost time will be kept and a prorated refund will be given at the end of the season.

Parent/player refusal to follow guidelines may lead to the closing of the arena or a loss of playing time for any/all levels.

**Even with these precautions in place, neither Negaunee Ice Arena nor IRHA can eliminate all the risks associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. By choosing to make use of this facility and association time you are assuming a risk of contacting Covid-19. Please help do your part to maintain as safe an environment as possible.**