

## **RAMSEY COUNTY ARENAS COVID-19 Policies and Procedures**

### **Effective 1/18/22**

The Ramsey County Arenas COVID-19 Policies have been developed with recommendations and guidelines from; Ramsey County Public Health, MN Department of Health Guidelines for Youth and Adult Sports, MN Department of Education for High School activities, MSHSL, Minnesota Hockey, and USA Hockey. Policies have been set in place to limit the risk of exposure and transfer of COVID-19 to skaters, coaches/instructors, parents, spectators and staff. Ramsey county is dedicated to the health and wellbeing of all participants, coaches, instructors, volunteers, spectators and staff while utilizing all arenas.

**Ramsey County has the right to refuse ice time to a group that is not following the Ramsey County Arena policies and procedures.**

#### **COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES**

- A. **Anyone with symptoms of illness or who have family members with symptoms of illness, has tested positive for COVID -19, or been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, should stay home and not participate in team activities and follow CDC and Health Department rules and guidelines for self-quarantine.**
- B. **Face coverings/face masks must be worn inside Ramsey County facilities, including lobby areas, restrooms, bleachers, seating areas, and common areas by all skaters and coaches/instructors, volunteers, and spectators at all times.**
  - a. **Individual teams or associations are responsible for following all arena/turf policies but are not subject to the face covering/mask policies that the County has imposed on the public, during the duration of their rental time and rental space(s) which may include the rink, locker rooms, and/or a turf field only. Wearing face coverings or masks is still highly recommended during rental times. Players, coaches, instructors, and volunteers must still wear face coverings or masks while entering and exiting the arenas and in common spaces**
- C. **St. Paul Arenas that have concession stands are not subject to the St. Paul vaccination mandate and visitors are not required to show proof of vaccination to purchase and consume concession stand food. We recommend that consumption of food and beverage is limited to the area surrounding the concession stand when possible.**
- D. **Ramsey County, at this time, does not have a stance on vaccination status and does not require visitors to show proof of vaccination for entry into arenas.**
- E. We recommend skaters, coaches/instructors and spectators to limit their time inside the facility.
- F. It is recommended that skaters come partially dressed in gear needed on the ice, when possible.
- G. No team dryland drills allowed inside of facilities.
- H. User groups are recommended to still have consistent pods of people on the ice including skaters, coaches, instructors, and/or volunteers during practices, the size of the pod is limited to what the number of limit skaters, coaches, instructors, and/or volunteers that can safely be on the ice (same as pre-COVID).
- I. It is recommended that skaters maintain at least 6 feet of space between themselves when they are not participating - when applicable.
- J. No spitting, yelling or other actions that may cause additional droplet spray.
- K. Common area will be periodically cleaned by staff. Cleaning supplies are available in bleacher area or upon request if spectators wish to self-clean bleachers or seating areas.

#### **GENERAL RULES**

- A. Those participating in facility activities assume all inherent risks and responsibilities, whether spectator or participants.
- B. No Alcohol or Tobacco products are permitted in arenas.
- C. During ice rentals: only team members, skaters, instructors, coaches, and managers are allowed in the player boxes.

- D. Users of the arenas are responsible for the supervision and conduct of participants and spectators, or both on and off the ice.
- E. Please do not leave children unattended.
- F. Absolutely no one is allowed on the ice during resurfacing times.
- G. Consumption of food and beverages is prohibited on the ice and in the players boxes.
- H. Acts of vandalism to the building or grounds should be reported immediately. Vandals will be held liable for the full cost of damages caused.
- I. Your assistance is requested in maintaining the appearance of these buildings. Please put trash and litter in designated containers.
- J. The arena or its management is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- K. The use of sticks, pucks, or balls in the off-ice areas of this facility is prohibited.
- L. Roller blading or skateboarding inside the building is not allowed, unless in designated space and rented for the purpose of roller blading.
- M. Please observe all posted rules and regulations.

This plan includes the following Ramsey County Arenas

1. TCO Sports Garden, 1490 East County Road E, Vadnais Heights, MN 55110. 651-481-1000
  - a. Mario Montanari – Arena Superintendent [Mario.montanari@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:Mario.montanari@co.ramsey.mn.us)
2. Aldrich Arena, 1850 White Bear Ave, Maplewood MN 55109. 651-748-2510
3. Highland Ice Arena, 800 South Snelling Ave, St. Paul MN 55116. 651-695-3766
4. Pleasant Ice Arena, 848 Pleasant Ave, St. Paul MN 55102. 651-215-9030
  - a. Chris Lueck – Arena Superintendent [chris.lueck@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:chris.lueck@co.ramsey.mn.us)
5. Phalen Arena, 1320 Walsh Street, St. Paul MN 55116. 651-772-6161
6. Harding Arena, 1496 6<sup>th</sup> Street East, St. Paul. MN 55106. 651-772-6190
7. West Side Arena, 44 East Isabel Street, St. Paul MN 55107. 651-215-0000
8. Oscar Johnson Arena, 1039 De Courcy Circle, St. Paul MN. 651-643-3000
9. Shoreview Arena, 877 West Highway 96, Shoreview MN 55126. 651-766-4000
10. White Bear Arena, 2160 Orchard Lane, White Bear Lake MN 55110. 651-748-2525
  - a. Jim Welter – Arena & Parks Operations Supervisor [james.welter@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:james.welter@co.ramsey.mn.us)

### **TEAM/ORGANIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Ramsey County Staff recommends the following measures:

- I. **USER GROUP COVID-19 Safety Plan**

Ramsey County asks that all user groups consider establishing organizational requirements that address proven public health mitigation strategies, such as social distancing, face coverings and a positive case notification process.
- II. **ATTENDANCE RECORDS & PARTICIPANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

All User Groups (organizations or individuals) renting ice should maintaining accurate attendance records and participant contact information for their skaters, coaches/instructors, volunteers, and parents or spectators. This will aid in notifying any individuals who have been exposed in a timely manner and assist the Department of Health in contact tracing.

  - A. If your group experiences an exposure *while in a Ramsey County facility*, you must contact and inform Ramsey County as soon as possible.
- III. **HEALTH & SAFETY SCREENINGS**

All user groups are encouraged to continue health screenings before entering the rink. **Anyone with symptoms of illness or who have family members with symptoms of illness, has tested positive for COVID -19, or been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, should stay home and not participate in team activities and follow CDC and Health Department rules and guidelines for self-quarantine.**
- IV. **TEAM VOLUNTEERS**

Ramsey County encourages user groups to have the following volunteers to help educate participants and spectators on safety measures to minimize risk and exposure and maintain a safe environment for all using the arena.

1. COVID-19 Plan Administrator can communicate individual groups and Ramsey County COVID-19 safety measures to players, coaches, parents, visiting teams, officials, umpires, and trainers. This person can also serve as a point person for any cases or outbreaks in the team/association and communicate with all necessary entities that need to be notified in the event of a positive case or exposure.
2. Check-in Volunteer can assist in managing participants, spectators and/or visitors to direct communicate any COVID-19 safety measures on-site, direct traffic flow, and help maintain a safe environment to minimize the risk of exposure.

### **RAMSEY COUNTY COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST PROCEDURES**

If a coach/staff notices someone who is exhibiting symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19, or been exposed to a person who has tested positive to COVID-19, they should stay home and not participate in team activities. If someone is exhibiting symptoms at the arena, they should be isolated and asked to leave the facility. If a player has received a positive COVID-19 test, and was in an arena during time of exposure, contact the arena to let county staff know so cleaning procedures can be executed as soon as possible.

- I. Procedures once coach/staff identifies a symptomatic person**
  - A. Symptomatic person should be asked to leave facility.
  - B. Immediately clean areas that the person has occupied or touched.
  
- II. Procedures once staff receive a positive COVID-19 test notification**
  - A. Notify your direct supervisor and Lisa Hanson Lamey.
  - B. A deep clean and disinfection will happen nightly of all area's player occupied including (but not limited to) bathrooms, locker rooms, common areas, benches that the team/player was in, floors, fencing/stair rails, drinking fountains, walls around bathroom entrances and locker room entrances, doors (not just the handles) that the team used and any other non-common touch points and spaces where coughing, sneezing, spitting, etc. could have reached.
  - C. Supervisors will be in contact with any staff that may have had an exposure.
  
- III. The following current procedures administered by Ramsey County staff to help control the spread after each team**
  - A. Cleaning and disinfecting high touch areas and locker room/changing areas periodically throughout the day.
  - B. Periodic cleaning of bathroom, high touch areas in lobby and check in areas
  - C. Deep clean and disinfection of buildings at the end of each evening.
  
- IV. Return to Play**
  - A. A designated staff member will speak with coaches to about additional exposure and reducing the risk for infection for other players and staff.
  - B. If there is no risk for further exposure, the group will be allowed to return to play at the rink.

Questions about Ramsey County COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and policies can be directed to Lisa Hanson Lamey, Director of Operations - Arenas & Golf [Lisa.HansonLamey@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:Lisa.HansonLamey@co.ramsey.mn.us), Cell: 919-608-2341.