Capital Ice Arena COVID-19 OPERATING PROCEDURES

2/3/2021

All players, coaches, referees and spectators, will be required to complete an online COVID-19 screening questionnaire prior to coming to the facility. Everyone entering the building must complete this screening.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFrXTbJUuWujsjmJ6u27sJaNxn20Pzinjuj8oNYxaYLmEGrg/viewform>

**Anyone with any COVID risk factors or related illnesses should not participate in any activities at Capital Ice Arena. Anyone exhibiting symptoms or signs of an illness should not be in Capital Ice Arena and will be asked to leave.**

Teams: Capital Ice Arena will open 30 minutes prior to your scheduled on-ice time. Anyone arriving earlier than 30 minutes before their start time MUST wait outside, preferably at/in their car, to avoid congregating in the entrance area.

Spectators: Capital Ice Arena will open 5 minutes prior to the scheduled on-ice time and spectators should leave immediately at the completion of the ice time.

All will follow a specified foot traffic pattern in the facility to limit unnecessary exposure and interactions.

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Capital Ice Arena Foot Traffic Pattern:

All will enter the rink via the front doors. NO OTHER DOORS WILL BE USED FOR ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING.

 Players, coaches and referees will travel to locker rooms or assigned area.

Spectators will be directed to the appropriate rink area and must space themselves out appropriately.

After locker room/assigned area use, players will be instructed by their coach to continue to the ice rink.

After practice, players will exit the rink and travel directly to locker room or assigned area where they will remove equipment.

Exiting the Rink. CP1 will exit through the double doors inside rink 1. CP2 all will exit trough the West side door located by Dynamo Locker-room.

Facility capacity will be limited to 50% or less of maximum allowed capacity. Regardless of 50% capacity rule, **spectators will be limited to 2 per player!**

Coaches, spectators and referees must wear mask for the entire time they are inside the building. Anyone not following this rule WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY.

All players MUST wear a mask when entering and exiting Capital Ice Arena and any time not on the ice. Wearing a mask on the ice during game play is strongly encouraged, but not required for players. Players should not take masks off to put helmets on until the Zamboni has exited the rink.

Referees will be provided with electric whistles if needed.  **No payment to the referee will occur until electric whistle is returned to coach/team manager.** Rink staff will sanitize the whistle between uses. Referees are required to wear face coverings at all times. A locker room will be made available for referee use.

While all spectators will be wearing masks, individuals that are NOT from the same family are still expected to maintain 6 ft social distancing at all times. Bleacher areas are marked off every 6 ft.

Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks that **cover both the mouth and nose.**

Players MUST bring their own water bottles that are clearly marked/ labeled with their name. **To the extent possible, water bottles should be filled prior to arrival to the rink.**

**It is recommended that players enter Capital Ice Arena Park completely dressed (minus: helmets, skates and gloves).**

Players will be assigned to a locker room or area upon entry. Players will be divided evenly among rooms to avoid crowding in the locker rooms. For games, each team will have access to 2 locker rooms or an assigned area for use, prior to the game only. Players should spend less than 20 min in the locker room to put on their equipment prior to going on the ice.

No off-ice interaction (team meetings, dryland activities, socializing, etc.) will occur prior to or following the conclusion of practice/games.

Hand contact of any kind is discouraged. Avoid handshakes, high-fives, etc. There will be no team handshakes at the conclusion of games. Teams should line up at their blue line across from the other team and bang sticks to celebrate the play.

**Players MUST put their masks on IMMEDIATELY after leaving the ice, remove equipment and leave Capital Ice Arena within 10 minutes of the end of practice/game.**

Parents/Guardians must be aware of the time when the players will be done. The parent or responsible person assigned to pick up players at the rink must be punctual. Players should not have to wait for a ride.

Coaches or “locker room monitor” should remain until all players have safely left the facility and enforce all safety protocols in place.

Coaches/Team Managers/Schedulers are **EXPECTED** to relay Capital Ice Arena COVID protocols to any teams they plan to host at Capital Ice Arena and **ENSURE** visiting teams are following all protocols, including spectator limitations, mask wearing and social distancing. **Any team not following and/or enforcing COVID safety protocols will lose their game privileges.**

**\*Showers will remained closed until further notice.**

CAPITAL ICE ARENA COVID-19 SANITIZING PROCEDURE

Prior to the start of each day, and prior to the arrival of each scheduled ice group frequently touched surfaces (doors, knobs, etc) bathrooms and locker rooms will be sanitized using an approved cleaning product registered in New York State and identified by the EPA as effective against COVID-19. Manufacturer recommended surface exposure time will be followed to ensure efficacy/sanitation.