



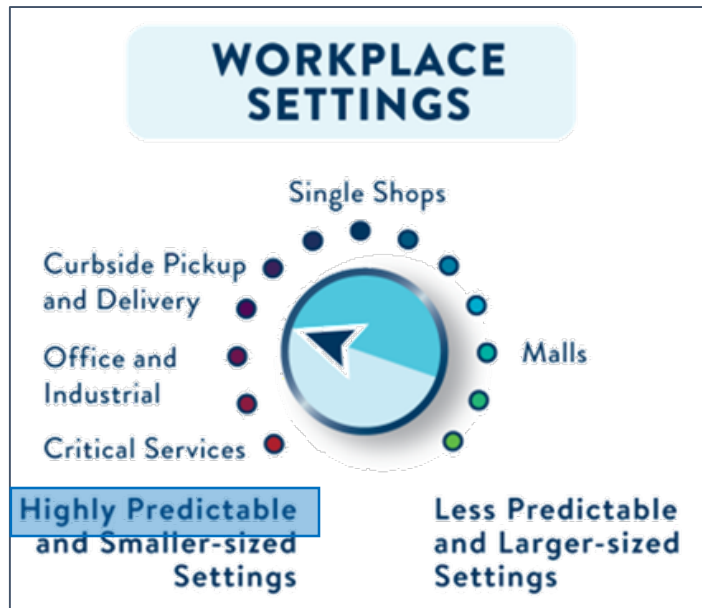
SHAKOPEE
ICE ARENA

Opening Shakopee Ice Arena under COVID-19

Taking reasonable measures using industry best practice to ensure the public health, adherence to social distancing, and promoting the well being of our customers at our facilities.



The State of Minnesota and Governor Walz have provide clear guidance for evaluating when and how a business might reopen. As such, we believe that our facility and others like it can reopen under the following goals:



Ensure that all traffic is "Highly Predictable".



*Consider three factors:
Public Health
Social Distancing
Well Being*

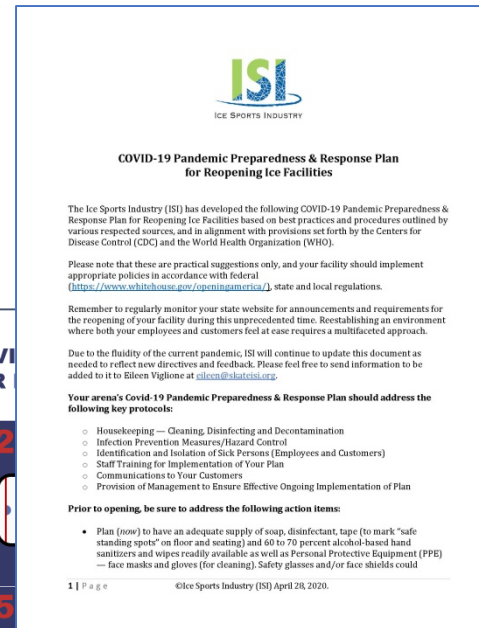
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It is our belief that any Minnesota Arena can meet and exceed these goals with the following as the basic premise for reopening:

- ***Follow OSHA, MDH and CDC guidelines for COVID-19 facility cleaning and maintenance practices.***
- ***Open only to members and affiliated groups (not open to the public).***
- ***Single team practices and trainings only (groups of 20 or less).***
- ***No spectator events.***
- ***Stagger start times for facilities with multiple venues.***
- ***Create adequate time between groups to eliminate arrival and departure overlap.***
- ***Follow state and local guidelines for employ and customer communication and training.***

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Visitor and Employee Health Screening Checklist

Have you had any of the following symptoms since your last day at work or the last time you were here that you cannot attribute to another health condition?

Please answer "Yes" or "No" to each question. Do you have:

- ☐ Fever (100.4 F or higher), or feeling feverish?
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- ☐ A new cough?
- ☐ Shortness of breath?
- ☐ A new sore throat?
- ☐ New muscle aches?
- ☐ New headache?
- ☐ New loss of smell or taste?

MD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



COVID19 - REOPENING BUSINESS PLAN FOR SHAKOPEE ICE ARENA





POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Facility Wide Policy

- ***All shared spaces (bathrooms, mezzanines, hallways, doorways) will be disinfected every hour.***
- ***Locker rooms and showers will not be available. Locker room hallway bathrooms will be the only 2 bathrooms available for use. This will allow to clean doors handles and bathrooms to comply with city protocols.***
- ***Contactless payments (Credit only).***
- ***Staff will be encouraged to follow social distancing practices within reason.***
- ***Staff and guests will be sent home or asked not to come in at any sign of illness. Self identify if you show any symptoms.***
- ***Public hand sanitizing stations will be increased and places around facility.***
- ***Hand washing and sanitizing instructions will be posted in appropriate locations. Staff will comply with all city protocol.***
- ***All interior doors will be propped open to eliminate added touch points.***
- ***All drinking fountains and vending machines will not be available for use.***

CONDUCT HEALTH SCREENING EACH TIME EMPLOYEES OR VISITORS ENTER THE FACILITY.

You may also opt to conduct temperature screening if it can be done with proper social distancing, protection, and hygiene protocols. However, temperature screening is not required.

If a worker or visitor answers "Yes" to any of the screening questions or has a measured temperature above 100.4°F, they should be advised to go home, stay away from other people, and contact their health care provider.



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Skating Rentals Specific Policy

- *Events to have no more than 20 attendees.*
- *All events are scheduled.*
- *Staggered rentals to avoid event overlap.*
- *There will be 30 minutes between all rentals to avoid overlap of groups.*
- *Athletes will be encouraged to change before arriving and arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before the scheduled event.*
- *Athletes will be encouraged to leave the premises 15 minutes after ice time is complete.*
- *Minor athletes are allowed one adult chaperone during their event*
- *Coaches will be encouraged to follow social distancing practices within reason during the event.*



Skating Rentals Specific Policy Continued

- *All participants will be asked to complete a health screening upon arrival. Any participant showing signs of being ill will be asked to leave the facility.*
- *There will be 30 minutes between ice times. This will mean there will be 15 minutes of dead ice time between each group and NO ONE will be allowed on to the ice rink until your hour starts.*
- *No scrimmaging or contact drills on ice.*
- *Entry in the building and ice rinks will only be through sliding doors. All other rink doors will be locked to eliminate unnecessary touch points.*
- *Skaters should not show up to the rink until 15 minutes before your ice time starts.*
- *Lobby will have signs for flow of traffic. All Skaters will enter and walk down to locker hallway to get skates on. Chairs will be placed 6 feet apart. One side of the hallway will be reserved for rink 1 skaters and the other side will be reserved for rink 2. Signs will be placed on walls to help with direction. Skaters will leave bags under the chairs in hallways.*
- *Skaters should arrive to the rink with a majority of their hockey gear on to limit the amount of time spent in the dedicated dressing area.*
- *Arena bleachers and player benches will not be available for use.*
- *Players aged 11 and older should be dropped off at the rink, and picked up afterward. Their parents/guardians are not allowed to be in arena during event. Players aged 10 and under are allowed one parent/guardian in the rink to help with any equipment needs. Those parents/guardians may also be at the rink and need to be socially distance from others.*
- *It is the responsibility of coaches and athletes to adhere to the social distancing guidelines.*
- *Each group will be required to send a COVID 19 policy for their organization that we can review and certify for our facility.*
- *We have multiple hand sanitizer stations available in the arena for staff and guests.*



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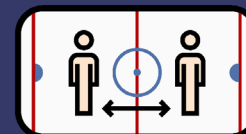
COVID-19 BEST PRACTICES FOR ICE RINKS

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Wash and Sanitize Hands Often

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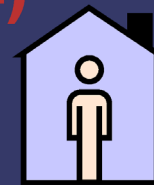
Maintain 6' of Social Distance

3)



Cover Coughs and Sneezes

4)



If You are Not Feeling Well, Stay Home

5)



Modified, Limited or No Locker Room Access

6)



Handshakes Discouraged

7)



No Spitting or Sharing of Water Bottles

8)



Do Not Gather Before, During or After Ice Times

9)



Keep Gloves on During Ice Times



Signature of accepted guidelines

Please sign the copy of this letter and return the copy to us. In signing it, you will have confirmed that you have noted and accepted the various guidelines for skating at Shakopee Ice Arena. Any violations of the guidelines may result in automatic dismissal from Shakopee Ice Arena and may lose other ice times booked for the month. Also, please attach your specific groups return to play protocols/emergency action plan for our review.

I have attached the guidance from the Mn Department of Health and Mn Hockey for your review.

As always any questions don't hesitate to call or email: Troy Ciernia
952-233-9530 or tciernia@shakopeemn.gov

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Organization/Group: _____



Mn Department of Health Guidance

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STAY SAFE MN

Guidance for Social Distancing in Youth Sports

This guidance document outlines the practical application of prevention strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among sports activities. This is a sports-specific supplement to the [Guidance for Social Distancing in Youth and Student Programming \(PDF\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/socialdistance.pdf) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/socialdistance.pdf>).

Please ensure that your program is following the parameters outlined in the above referenced document, including the development of a program-specific plan. In general, the guidance document includes recommendations for:

- Following social distancing.
- Masking when appropriate.
- Encouraging and enforcing norms of health etiquette.
- Promoting health checks and screening of participants and staff/volunteers.
- Enforcing stay-at-home when sick expectations.
- Ensuring policies are considerate of staff, volunteers, and participants at highest risk of complications.
 - [People Who Are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>)
- Following routine disinfection of high-touch items (balls, racquets, bats, other equipment).

In support of the National Youth Sports Strategy aims, we recognize that sports provide opportunities for youth to develop or maintain fitness, specific skills, mental well-being, and social-emotional health. We want to support youth in engaging in sports, but we want to do it in a way that will keep them safe. Below are specific parameters to support youth sports in a way that will minimize transmission of COVID-19.

GUIDANCE FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING IN YOUTH SPORTS

Programs involving youth sports

If your program involves sports as either an activity within a program or as the focus of the program itself, please use the following guidance. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is supportive of the following parameters for youth sports:

- Within the program, create consistent pods of the same staff, volunteers, and participants with a maximum number of 10 people in each pod.
- Make sure you're in compliance with Safe Sport mandates (federal law).
- Host practices outdoors as much as possible.
- Remind parents or caregivers that they should not attend practices. If necessary for them to be at practices, ensure that proper social distancing is maintained between parents or caregivers.
- For sports activities that are part of a child care, school, or day camp program:
 - Keep any "play" or interaction between players contactless.
 - For example: Kick a soccer ball back and forth, but do not allow for training around stealing the ball where contact between players may occur.
 - Do not have intermixing between groups.
- For organized recreation or club sports:
 - Focus on skill development.
 - Keep any "play" or interaction between players contactless.
 - Do not have intermixing between groups.
 - Do not participate in games or tournaments, even if these events are out of state where youth sports games/tournaments are supported.
- Discourage sharing of equipment as much as possible. If sharing has to occur, consider the equipment and type of use and consider cleaning equipment between each use.
- Avoid using locker rooms and facility showers.
 - If facility showers need to be used, only allow shower and locker room use if there are partitions or else place signage to maintain proper physical distancing of 6 feet.
- Follow the outlined ratios for participants per field:
 - One team/sport per field/rink/court at any time.
 - Football/soccer field (approx. 57,600 sq. ft.) – no more than four pods of ≤ 10.
 - Baseball field (40,000+ sq. ft.) – no more than three pods of ≤ 10.
 - Ice rink (approx. 17,000 sq. ft.) – no more than two pods of ≤ 10.
 - Basketball/volleyball court (4,700 sq. ft.) – no more than one pod of ≤ 10.
 - Adhere to facility or field specific guidelines for COVID-19.

GUIDANCE FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING IN YOUTH SPORTS

Future steps

Future steps may include allowing for larger gatherings and/or flexibility around intermixing between teams and will likely have different guidance based on the type of contact that normally occurs in the sport. In general, MDH will be increasing parameters based on the epidemiology of COVID-19 in Minnesota.

Resources

[The National Youth Sports Strategy \(PDF\)](https://health.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/National_Youth_Sports_Strategy.pdf) (https://health.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/National_Youth_Sports_Strategy.pdf)
[Project Play Resources](https://www.aspenprojectplay.org/coronavirus-and-youth-sports) (<https://www.aspenprojectplay.org/coronavirus-and-youth-sports>)
[Youth Programs and Camps During the COVID-19 Pandemic \(PDF\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Camps-Decision-Tree.pdf) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Camps-Decision-Tree.pdf>)

For more information

Visit [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](https://health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html) (health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html), or call the COVID-19 hotline at 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903.



Minnesota Department of Health | health.mn.gov | 651-201-5000
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Contact health.communications@state.mn.us to request an alternate format.

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MN Hockey guidance



Minnesota Hockey Return To Play Guidelines

As we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic while returning players to the ice, Minnesota Hockey will continue to provide updates to our associations and members. These considerations focus on several phases of returning our members to the rinks throughout the state of Minnesota.



Each association should have its own plan in place for returning to the rink. Local rinks and associations need to follow the guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and its [Guidance for Social Distancing](#), as well as local government officials in determining when, and how, it is appropriate to return to the rinks, including requirements or guidelines for physical distancing, size of gatherings or number of people permitted in a facility, or wearing masks, etc.

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As you plan for a return to the ice, below are some ideas to consider to assist with developing a return to hockey programming in context of COVID-19. Please know these are not requirements, but are recommendations and ideas to consider when evaluating your programming. As conditions and requirements may vary throughout the state, our best advice is to follow state and local government guidelines and [recommendations from the CDC](#). Until COVID-19 is either eradicated, a vaccine is developed, or a cure is found, there is no way of completely eliminating the risk of infection.

We are thankful to all of those essential workers and first responders who are guiding us and keeping us safe and healthy during this pandemic. Remember that we can contribute to helping eliminate COVID-19 by doing these four things:

1. Physical Distance
2. Wash Hands and Practice Safe Hygiene Habits
3. Clean Surfaces & Equipment between uses
4. Staying Home When Sick Or Experiencing Any Symptoms

Minnesota Hockey will open programming in phases, which are subject to change at all times. They are also subject to restrictions placed by state or local governments.

*** Minnesota Hockey will not sanction on-ice activities prior to restrictions being lifted by the state government.**

****On-ice activities involving players aged 6 and Under or "Learn to Play" skaters are not recommended in Phase 1**

*****The dates listed next to each phase are NOT meant to indicate the transition to that phase will happen on that date. However, Minnesota Hockey will be providing updated guidelines prior to that date if the transition can be made to enter the next phase. Those guidelines will be subject to regulations imposed by the state government, as well as recommendations from the MDH and CDC.**



Phase 1 – Practices, Clinics, Tryouts Only

Phase 1 will open on June 1, per Minnesota's [Stay Safe Phase II Plan](#) and [MDH guidelines](#). The date is subject to change at all times.

***Learn to Play programs and those activities involving players age 6 and Under are not recommended in Phase 1**

Arriving at the Rink

1. Players or coaches with any risk factors or illnesses should not participate in any on-ice activity. Any players, coaches or spectators exhibiting symptoms or signs of an illness should not be in the facility at any point.
2. Participants should utilize the [Minnesota Symptom Screener Guide](#) prior to any on-ice activity. These screens should be monitored by each association.
3. All participants must be USA Hockey registered for the 2020-21 season to participate in any Minnesota Hockey sanctioned on-ice activity.
4. Players should arrive at the rink no more than 15 minutes before the start of on-ice activities. Anyone arriving earlier than 15 minutes before their start time should wait outside of the facility and be socially distanced from others.
5. If there is an activity occurring at the rink before the team's scheduled start, the incoming team should wait until all players from the prior event have vacated the building. There should not be interaction between the two groups.
6. Players aged 11 and older should be dropped off at the rink, and picked up afterward. Their parents/guardians should not be in the arena. Players aged 10 and under are allowed one parent/guardian in the rink to help with any equipment needs. Those parents/guardians may also be at the rink, socially distanced from others, to provide assistance to the player if needed throughout practice time. Masks are advised, and may be required by the facility for parents/guardians.
7. Families should provide coach/team manager with accurate contact information in the event of emergency while the player is at the arena. This information **MUST** be accurate and the responsible party **MUST** be able to reach the designated person if the need arises.
8. Whenever possible, players should use the restroom at home prior to leaving for the rink in an effort to limit bathroom use at the facility.
9. Players should arrive to the arena fully dressed with the exception of skates (coming in to the arena with skate guards on is ideal) and helmets. Exceptions may be made for goalies, who may need to put on additional equipment at the rink.
10. Players should be bringing their own rehydration liquids to the rink in clearly marked or labeled containers with the player's identity. The container should be re-sealable. Players should **NOT** plan on refilling their containers at the rink.
11. Prior to the first on-ice session, coaches and/or association leaders should host an e-meeting to explain procedures to parents, and to answer any questions.



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12. Coaches should be as prepared as possible to ensure complete utilization of the allowed ice time. This also helps ensure that players are not distracted and know they need to be on time and ready to go, not engaged in other areas of the building.
13. Each association and team should have an emergency plan for any positive outbreak within the team, association or community.
14. Each association and team should have an alert plan to notify association members and anyone else who may have been exposed following any positive outbreak within team, association or community.
15. Associations should work with rink partners, and be aware that some communities may not open rinks despite the Stay at Home order being lifted.
16. Dryland activities inside the arena are not advised during Phase 1.
17. Safesport policies will continue to be in effect in all phases. There should always be a minimum of two adults at every on-ice event, and there should be no unsupervised one-on-one interaction between a player and a coach.

Phase 1 On-Ice Activities for Practices, Clinics and Tryouts:

1. Within the program, create consistent pods of the same staff, volunteers and participants with a maximum number of **10 people in each pod. Ice rinks will be allowed to have two (2) pods of 10 people or less at a time with no mixing between the groups.**
2. Players need to maintain as much separation as possible. Whenever possible, coaches should be promoting social distancing on the ice, while recognizing that there may be times of close contact by players.
3. Avoid using player benches.
4. Coaches should be keeping players active and engaged at all times. Players should not leave the ice during a practice unless absolutely necessary.
5. The number of coaches on the ice should be kept to a minimum, and it should be noted that each coach will count toward the number of people allowed on the ice as stipulated by the Department of Health.
6. Extra "helpers" or players who are not full-time members of the team should not be on the ice.
7. Drills should be age appropriate (station-based) and non-contact in Phase 1.
8. Coaches should avoid talking face-to-face with players, as well as avoid contact with players whenever possible. Physical contact may be necessary when assisting a young player or a player with a disability (helping up or adjusting equipment), but whenever possible, coaches should provide assistance without physical contact, or ask the player's parent/guardian to assist.
9. Prior to the completion of the ice time, players should be excused from the rink one by one and through different exit points of the rink. Do not ask players to participate in picking up pucks or other equipment from the ice.



After On-Ice Activities are Completed:

1. No on or off ice interaction (socializing, team meetings, dryland activities) should occur following the conclusion of practice. Players should remove skates and helmets and leave the premises within 15 minutes of the end of practice.
2. Parents/Guardians must be made aware of the time when the players will be done. The parents or person assigned to pick up players at the arena must be punctual. Players should not have to wait for a ride.
3. Players should vacate the arena immediately to allow for the next user group to enter.
4. Coaches or other responsible adults should remain until all players are safe and removed from the premises.
5. While at home, players should clean and disinfect gear after each use.

Phase 2 – Local Games and Scrimmages

An announcement on the implementation of Phase 2 is intended to be made by August 1, but is subject to guidance provided by the State. The date of announcement is subject to change at all times.

Please note that many aspects of Phase 1 should also be practiced during Phase 2

***Learn to Play Programs and 6 & Under programs should start on-ice activities at this time, provided there are no severe setbacks during Phase 1**

1. Competitions may begin to occur between teams from within a local geographic area.
2. At the scorer's/announcer's box, best practice would be that one assigned adult will be responsible for clock and scorebook with nobody else allowed in the area.
3. Whenever possible, resurfacing of the ice sheet should only take place before or after a game. During breaks in action, players should remain on the bench.
4. There should be no more than two coaches allowed in the bench area during games. Coaches on benches should be wearing masks.
5. During a stoppage of play caused by a save, the goalie should drop the puck on the ice for the official to retrieve.
6. There should be no pregame or postgame handshakes. Teams should honor each other after the game with a stick salute.
7. A two official system shall be used for games at all levels

Phase 3

An announcement on the implementation of Phase 3 (regular season hockey) is intended to be made by September 1, but is subject to guidance provided by the State. This date of announcement is subject to change at all times.

Phase Overview

Activity	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Tentative Timeline	June 1	Announcement by August 1 (subject to change & MDH guidance)	Announcement by September 1 (subject to change & MDH guidance)
Practice	Open per MDH guidance	Open	Open
Skill Clinics	Open per MDH guidance	Open	Open
Tryouts	Open but not recommended initially per MDH guidance on no contact	Open	Open
Dryland	Closed	Open per MDH guidance	Open
Local Games/Scrimmages	Closed	Open per MDH guidance	Open
Travel Games	Closed	Closed	Open per MDH guidance
Tournaments	Closed	Closed	Open per MDH guidance

Additional Resources

As stated previously, this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Associations must adhere to guidelines set by the CDC and MDH. The knowledge and circumstances around COVID-19 are changing constantly and, as such, Minnesota Hockey encourages all programs engaging in activities to stay up-to-date on future developments. Below are some additional resources for programs to reference.

Minnesota's Stay Safe Plan - <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/stay-safe-mn/stay-safe-plan.jsp>

MDH Guidance for Social Distancing in Youth Sports - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/youthsports.pdf>

CDC Considerations for Youth Sports - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

USA Hockey Coronavirus Information - <https://www.usahockey.com/playersafety>

Minnesota Ice Arena Managers Association COVID-19 Resources - <https://miamaa.org/members/covid-19-reference-page/>