

RAMSEY COUNTY ARENAS COVID-19 Policies and Procedures
Summer 2021 (Updated 6-8-2021)
Effective 6/8/2021

The Ramsey County Arenas COVID-19 Policies have been developed with recommendations and guidelines from; MN Governor Walz's Executive Orders, 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 System Preparedness Plan, arena policies and procedures or the teams individual COVID-19 Preparedness Plans.

TEAM/ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

I. UPDATED USER GROUP PREPAREDNESS PLAN

In addition to the County's COVID-19 Preparedness Plan all user groups are required by the MN Department of Health to also have their own updated individual preparedness plan in place to protect their employees, volunteers, skaters, coaches, members, visiting teams and visitors. Ramsey County has provided a template to help in plan development or organizations may develop their own plan. MN.gov has provided guidance and templates for required information on the COVID-19 Preparedness and can be found here <https://staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/all-businesses.jsp>. All user groups must complete and sign the **Ramsey County User Group Preparedness Plan Agreement** form.

II. COVID-19 PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

All user groups must have a COVID-19 Plan Administrator who is responsible to ensure the plan is evaluated, monitored, executed, and updated as needed.

III. HEALTH & SAFETY SCREENINGS and Testing

It is recommended that all user groups develop their own health and safety screening policies and procedures, for their skaters, coaches/instructors and volunteers prior to any on-ice activity. Spectators, and other persons when allowed to attend their activities and events should be directed to self-screen at home prior to entry to the arena. We recommend using;

- A. The [MN Department of Health Visitor and Employee Health Screening Checklist](#)

Additionally, unvaccinated participants are strongly recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health to test weekly and test 72 hours prior to a game or competition.

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 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 whom 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 are no longer required for vaccinated skaters and coaches/instructors, and volunteers while in Ramsey County arenas, including during sports activity.** We do recommend that anyone who isn't vaccinated continue to wear a face mask and social distance. Face masks are welcome for anyone or user group who wishes to wear them.
- C. We recommend skaters, coaches/instructors and spectators to limit their time inside the facility and skaters arrive partially dressed when possible.
- D. No team warmup or dryland drills inside of facilities unless it is in designated spaces and arranged ahead of time.

- E. 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).
- F. It is recommended that skaters maintain at least 6 feet of space between themselves when they are not participating - when applicable.
- G. No spitting, yelling or other actions that may cause additional droplet spray.

SPECTATORS

- A. It is recommended that all spectators/parents must self-screen their health prior to arriving in facility (We recommend <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html> and click Self-check symptoms).
- B. **Face coverings are no longer required for spectators and parents while inside any Ramsey County arena.**
- C. It is recommended that spectators remain socially distanced if, especially is unvaccinated.
- D. There will be disinfectant spray bottles and wipes near bleachers if spectators desire to clean the area they will be occupying.
- E. We recommend limiting the amount of time spent inside the arenas.

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 amount 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
2. Aldrich Arena, 1850 White Bear Ave, Maplewood MN 55109. 651-748-2510
 - a. Mario Montanari – Arena Superintendent Mario.montanari@co.ramsey.mn.us
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. Steve Reeves – Interim Arena Superintendent Steven.reeves@co.ramsey.mn.us
 - b. Chris Lueck – Arena Superintendent (starting 6/21/21) chris.lueck@co.ramsey.mn.us

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 whom 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, contact the arena to let county staff know so cleaning procedures can be executed as soon as possible. **Coaches and Instructors will be required to activate their individual team COVID-19 preparedness plan.**

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 areas 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 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. Coaches and Instructors will be required to activate their individual team COVID-19 preparedness plan once a positive test or exposure has occurred.
- B. A designated staff member will speak with coaches to ensure their COVID-19 Preparedness Plans are carried out, discuss recommendations, concerns for additional exposure and reducing the risk for infection for other players and staff.
- C. If plan is followed and there is no risk for further exposure, the group will be allowed to return to play in fieldhouse.

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, Cell: 919-608-2341.