

**RAMSEY COUNTY FIELDHOUSE COVID-19 Policies and Procedures**  
**MN Stay Safe - Updated 6-8-2021**  
**Effective 6-8-2021**

The Ramsey County Fieldhouse 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. Policies have been set in place to limit the risk of exposure and transfer of COVID-19 to participants, 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 facilities.

**Ramsey County has the right to refuse fieldhouse turf time to a group that is not following the Ramsey County Fieldhouse Preparedness Plan, fieldhouse 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>.

**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 players, coaches/instructors and volunteers prior to any 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 players and coaches/instructors, and volunteers while in the Fieldhouse, 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 participants, coaches/instructors and spectators to limit their time inside the fieldhouse.
- D. No Locker Rooms will be available for use.
- E. We recommend participants to come partially dressed when possible.
- F. No team warmup or dryland drills on the outside of designated fields before or after practice.
- G. No food or drinks other than water in closed water bottles.
- H. User groups are recommended to still have consistent pods of people including participants, coaches/instructors and volunteers.
- I. It is recommended that participants 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.

### 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/index.html> and click Self-check symptoms.
- B. **Face coverings are no longer required for spectators and parents while in the facility.**
- 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 fieldhouse.

### GENERAL RULES

- A. Rule #1: Play safe and have fun!
- B. For fieldhouse assistance, use the green callbox located at the Welcome Center or fieldhouse desk. Press & release button to alert staff and wait for response. To speak, press & hold button in and speak into the call box. Release button to hear staff response. Staff will meet you at your location
- C. No chewing gum.
- D. No food, snacks, or candy of any kind including sunflower seeds.
- E. No vaping or use of tobacco of any kind.
- F. No spitting on the field.
- G. Water bottles or bottled water only. No other beverages or glass containers allowed.
- H. No metal spiked or high heeled shoes.
- I. Check in with TCO Sports Garden staff prior to entering fields. Participants may use bleacher areas to wait for start of reservation time.
- J. Field use begins and ends at the time stated on the reservation. Groups are not allowed on the field prior to the start time and are required to exit the field immediately at the end time. Team warmups, huddles, and meetings are to take place within the reserved time.
- K. Play is always to be kept on field. No sideline play allowed or intentional hitting of exterior walls/structures.
- L. Clean up all areas used by your user group at completion of your reservation.
- M. Spectators to remain in designated areas only. Adults are always asked to keep spectating children near them.
- N. No climbing /hanging on soccer goals.
- O. Request help to move goals always use wheels when able. Request help to move field dividers.
- P. Only free-standing field markers and sports equipment may be used. No stakes/posts may be driven into the turf.
- Q. No paint or adhering tapes to be used on turf.
- R. Scoreboard controllers are available per request.
- S. Only authorized staff is allowed in the fieldhouse garage. The garage will not be used for user group storage.
- T. No overnight storage of equipment on field.
- U. Respectful conduct is expected at all times. No pushing, hitting, fighting or swearing while in the fieldhouse.

### 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 fieldhouse, they should be isolated and asked to leave the facility. If a player has received a positive COVID-19 test, contact the facility 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.** The critical time period where exposure can occur is 48 hours prior to showing symptoms to 10 days after positive test. If it has been longer than 48 hours before symptom occurred the chance of exposure is very low.

- 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 periodically throughout the day.
  - B. Regular cleaning of bathrooms, 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.

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