

RAMSEY COUNTY FIELDHOUSE COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

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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 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 arenas.

Ramsey County has the right to refuse fieldhouse turf 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 participants 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. **Proof of vaccination is not required for entry at this time.**
- D. We recommend participants, coaches/instructors, and spectators to limit their time inside the fieldhouse.
- E. No Locker Rooms will be available for use.
- F. We recommend participants to come partially dressed in uniforms and gear needed, when possible.
- G. No team dryland drills before or after practice.
- H. No food or drinks other than water in closed water bottles.
- I. User groups are recommended to still have consistent pods of people including participants, coaches/instructors and volunteers.
- J. It is recommended that participants maintain at least 6 feet of space between themselves when they are not participating - when applicable.
- K. No spitting, yelling or other actions that may cause additional droplet spray.
- L. 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. 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 always expected. No pushing, hitting, fighting, or swearing while in the fieldhouse.

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 turf 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 fieldhouse. **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, referees, 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 fieldhouse, they should be isolated and asked to leave the facility. If a player has received a positive COVID-19 test, and was in the fieldhouse during time of exposure, contact Ramsey County staff 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, Cell: 919-608-2341.