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**GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

This guidance outlines the practical application of prevention strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among sports activities within the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center (HBNHC). The guidance applies to HBNHC user groups where participants are organized by entities, associations, clubs, or organizations, providing registration of participants and oversight on a regular basis for a defined period of time.

Each organization/association shall have a plan in place for returning to the rink. Organizations and associations must follow the guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and its COVID-19 Sports Guidance for Youth and Adults, as well as local government officials. **This guidance is subject to change pending updates from MDH and local governing bodies.**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- We encourage all user groups to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 by doing the following:
  - Stay 6 feet from others
  - Wash your hands
  - Wear a mask
  - Stay home when sick
- 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.
- Participants should utilize the Minnesota Symptom Screener Guide prior to any on-ice activity. These screens should be monitored by each organization or association.
- Each organization/association shall maintain accurate rosters of teams or pods and be prepared to support local public health contact tracing efforts.
- **All persons are required to wear masks at all times within the HBNHC.**
  - Players are not required to wear masks while on the field of play.
  - Coaches **are** required to wear masks while on the field of play.
  - Persons whom are not wearing a mask will be denied entry into the HBNHC.
- **All persons are required to complete the Minnesota State COVID-19 Self-Assessment prior to arriving at the HBNHC.**
  - [https://mnscu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1HAgGHJbBzcyDCI](https://mnscu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1HAgGHJbBzcyDCI)
- Each organization/association **must** have a response plan for any positive cases with the team or association. If a case of COVID-19 is reported to you and is a part of your organization or team, report the case to the Minnesota Department of Health at

[health.sports.covid19@state.mn.us](mailto:health.sports.covid19@state.mn.us) and local health officials. MDH or local public health will work with you to identify close contacts and do follow-up with your team.

## **PRACTICES/SCRIMMAGES**

### Pod Sizes

- Two (2) pods of 25 people\*
  - Each pod limited to half ice.
  - No intermixing of pods.
  - Pod sizes for non-game settings include skaters, coaches and on-ice helpers.
- One (1) pod of 25 people
  - Pod is allowed to use full ice.
  - Pod sizes for non-game settings include skaters, coaches and on-ice helpers.

\*The HBNHC reserves the right to limit bookings according to locker room availability.

### Facility Access

- Players and coaches should arrive at the HBNHC no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of their on-ice activities.
- Players and coaches should leave the HBNHC within 10 minutes of the end of their on-ice activities.
- Players aged 11 and older must be dropped off at the HBNHC and picked up after **their ice time**.
  - Parents/guardians will not be allowed in the HBNHC.
- Players aged 10 and under will be allowed one (1) parent/guardian in the HBNHC throughout **their ice time**.
  - Those parents/guardians must maintain physical distance from others within the HBNHC.
  - **There may be circumstances in which a parent or guardian must also bring in young siblings. This will be allowed but should be limited.**
  - When possible parents/guardians are encouraged to drop off and pick up their players.
- Dryland activities inside the HBNHC are prohibited.

### Locker Rooms

- Locker rooms and restrooms will be available in a limited capacity.
- Locker room assignments will be posted at the entrance of the facility
- Locker room doors will be propped open to minimize touch points.
- Locker room keys will not be available for check out.
  - The HBNHC will not be responsible for valuables left in the locker rooms.
- Coaches will be responsible for ensuring players are maintaining physical distance within the locker rooms.
- Use of shower facilities within the locker rooms is prohibited.
- The HBNHC encourage players to arrive at the facility fully dressed, with the exception of skates and helmets.

## Field of Play

- Use of player benches, penalty boxes, and scorer's table are prohibited during non-game settings.
- Players should bring their own labeled water bottle to the rink. Players should not plan on refilling while at the rink.
- Coaches will be required to bring their own pucks.
- Coaches will be responsible for ensuring players are maintaining physical distance while on the ice.
- Players should not leave the ice during practice unless absolutely necessary.

## GAMES/TOURNAMENTS

### Bench Capacity

- Eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) coaches

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- **A maximum of two (2) spectators per player are allowed for games.**
  - HBNHC Main Rink Spectator Capacity: **100 persons**
  - HBNHC Practice Rink Spectator Capacity: **100 persons**
  - **Spectators** must follow **physical distancing** guidelines outlined by the HBNHC.
    - Masks are required while in the HBNHC.
  - **Spectators** are allowed in the HBNHC at game time and are asked to leave immediately following the conclusion of the game.
    - Gathering before and after game times is prohibited.
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- Coaches will be responsible for implementing a system that maximizes physical distance between players on the bench during game play, stoppages intermissions, etc. Space outside the bench area (next to bench) should be utilized whenever possible.
- There should be no pregame or postgame handshakes. Teams should honor each other after the game with a stick salute.
  - There should be no pregame or postgame huddles or post goal celebration gatherings on the ice.
- When possible, resurfacing of the ice sheet will only take place before and after a game.
  - **During any intermissions, players and coaches should go to an area where physical distancing can be maintained.**
- At the scorer's/announcer's box, best practice would be that one assigned adult will be responsible for clock and scorebook. **Masks must be worn by off ice officials at all times.**

### Tournament Tabling

- All vendors, merchandising, photography and other tabling needs are prohibited without the expressed consent of the Facility Director.
- The Tournament Director is responsible for producing tournament updates, including scores, brackets, and tournament communications, online to reduce gatherings within the HBNHC.

### CLEANING

- The HBNHC will implement the cleaning recommendations provided by the CDC and MDH with a focus on high touch areas.
  - Areas include:
    - Door handles, light switches, countertops, restroom fixtures and stalls, and elevators.
- Locker rooms will be cleaned and sanitized between each user group, including a wipe down of doors, benches, and stalls.
  - Locker rooms will be disinfected on a nightly basis.
- Game Play Format:
  - Benches, Penalty Boxes, Scorer's tables will be sanitized between each user group.

See SCSU Bring Huskies Home Campus Cleaning Plan for more details regarding cleaning protocols.