

## **Region 4 Youth Hockey Covid Safety Plan: Janesville Ice Arena**

GOAL: To create the safest possible environment for players, spectators, and game officials during gameplay in the Region 4 Hockey Pod.

### Acknowledgments:

- It will not be “hockey as normal.” Players, spectators, coaches, and all others involved must know that some aspects of the game and game experience will not be the same.
- If hockey associations want to be able to continue to play games, all steps and protocols MUST be followed.
- Region 4 Hockey Club participants will be responsible for enforcing the rules at all times.
  - Individuals and Clubs may be suspended and/or removed from the Janesville Ice Arena for not following rules or protocols.
- Region 4 Hockey Pod will continuously monitor processes and protocols and make adjustments as necessary. Each individual club will be responsible for informing their members of any changes made to this safety plan.
- Rules and protocols established are not up for debate at an event. Any changes needed or recommended must be approved by the City of Janesville, Ice Arena Management, and Region 4 Hockey Clubs
- As of October 27, 2020, the Region 4 Hockey Pod will be allowing one (1) adult (18+) per skater as a spectator for games. There are additional jobs that are needed to be filled for both teams that will allow one (1) adult spectator into the rink. These are listed later in this document. This spectator allowance is subject to change.
- Some Games may be broadcast on the internet via Facebook or YouTube. Details will be provided week to week.

## **MASKS MUST BE WORN PROPERLY (COVERING NOSE AND MOUTH) AT ALL TIMES WHILE INSIDE JANESVILLE ICE ARENA**

### **Note for Players, Coaches, and Referees:**

- **Janesville Youth Hockey (“JYH”) and the Region 4 Southern Pod realize that wearing a mask during gameplay presents challenges for every age level.**
- **We ask that players give it their best effort to wear a mask during games.**
- **We ask that parents, coaches, and referees give their best support and coaching to players regarding masks and game play. Do not have the attitude of “masks are**

not required so don't bother"

- Given what we know of the virus it is spread predominantly through respiratory droplets. If wearing a mask even somewhat reduces the spread of airborne droplets, our players and coaches will be safer, thus giving all a better chance to continue to play hockey.
- Masks are required of all coaches, players, spectators, at all times while NOT on the ice. This includes locker rooms.
- Referees are also strongly encouraged to wear a mask. JYH is purchasing electronic whistles and is encouraging referees to try to use them.

Timelines: Gameday: 20 minutes between games
20 minutes prior to start time (final horn of game) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Spectators from the previous game begin leaving the rink</li></ul>
15 minutes prior to start time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bleacher cleaning begins (team of 3)</li></ul>
15 minutes prior to start time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Locker Room cleaning begins</li></ul>
15 minutes prior to start time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Outside rink cleaning begins</li></ul>
10 minutes prior to start time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Next game players allowed in</li></ul>
5 minute prior to start time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Spectators allowed in (spectators should wait for players to enter the rink prior to attempting to enter themselves)</li></ul>

Pre-Screening of Players, Spectators, Coaches, Referees
<b><u>Signs &amp; Symptoms of COVID-19</u></b>
People with COVID-19 can have mild to severe symptoms. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. According to the CDC, people with these symptoms may include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fever</li><li>● Cough</li><li>● Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li><li>● Fatigue</li><li>● Muscle or Body Aches</li></ul>

- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If anybody is experiencing any of these symptoms please stay home. For the health and safety of our Region 4 Pod Family please do not come to the rink if you are sick.

#### Arrival: Players/Coaches

- Please maintain proper social distancing while waiting to enter Ice Arena
- Players will be allowed in the Ice Arena 10 minutes\* prior to game time
  - Players must be dressed before entering the rink (except skates, helmets and gloves, which may be put on in the assigned locker room)
  - Goalies will be allowed in the rink 20 minutes early
  - For younger players:
    - 1 adult may enter with a goalie for assistance
    - 1 adult may enter with a 8U/6U player for assistance
  - NOTE: If games are running behind, players will be let in when rink is clean and ready
- Players should complete self pre-screening checklist prior to arriving at the rink
- **IF YOU ARE SICK YOU MUST STAY HOME**
- Temperatures will be checked at entry. Players please do not wear your helmet into the rink so your temperature can be checked.
  - Those with temperatures over 100.4 degrees will not be allowed in rink
- Players should immediately report to the assigned locker room
  - Small bags for skates, helmet, gloves shall be allowed.
  - Large Hockey Bags are NOT allowed in the rink (goalies are an exception)
- Coaches and Game Recorders are allowed in the rink 20 minutes prior to games time
- Coaches are responsible for helping players maintain social distancing in locker rooms
  - X's are taped on benches. Players should sit on an X
- Masks are required in locker rooms at all times

#### Locker Room Assignments

- VISITING TEAM will use Locker Rooms 1-4
  - Capacity for rooms 1+2 (combined room) is 10 skaters
  - Capacity for rooms 3+4 (combined room) is 10 skaters
    - Coaches will be responsible for making sure players are properly distanced in the locker room and the correct number of skaters are in each locker room.
- HOME TEAM will use locker rooms 5 and 6
  - This is a semi-combined locker room

- Locker Room 5 has a capacity of ??
- Locker Room 6 every other locker can be used
- GOALIES will be allowed in the rink 20 minutes early and should use the WARMING ROOM to dress.
- NOTE: Due to players being dressed upon entry and not undressing in the locker room after games, there will not be accommodations for Girls on co-ed teams.

#### Spectators Entering Building

- Please maintain proper social distancing while waiting to enter the Ice Arena, and upon entering the Ice Arena
- Spectator/Worker Names will be recorded upon entry
- Spectators should complete a self-pre screening checklist
- Temperatures will be checked at the door.
  - Those with a temperature over 100.4 degrees will not be allowed in the rink
- **IF YOU ARE SICK YOU MUST STAY HOME**
- Teams are responsible for keeping an accurate list of spectators.
- Teams are responsible for having a check-in sheet at the check-in table 30 minutes prior to game time

#### Pod Seating/Spectator Allowance

- As noted above, each skater will be allowed 1 adult spectator. NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY THE ADULT SPECTATOR
- There are jobs for both the HOME and VISITING Teams that need to be filled and do not count toward the 1 spectator count. Example: if one adult associated with a skater is working the registration table, that adult may also attend the game, which would not count towards the 1 spectator per skater limit.
  - **Notwithstanding anything in this document to the contrary, in no event shall a skater have more than two (2) adult spectators at any one game. Example: If one adult associated with a skater is a coach, and one adult associated with a skater is working the registration table, those two adults would represent the maximum number of spectators for said skater. An additional adult (e.g., grandparent) would not be an allowable spectator for that particular game, even though the skater's two adults are in working positions at the game.**
- Pods will be painted on the bleachers. Or other markings will be placed on bleachers
- Spectators will be required to sit in a socially distanced manner.
  - A spectator and "worker" from the same household may sit together, all other spectators must sit socially distanced.
- Congregating is not allowed anywhere within the Ice Arena

#### Spectator Conduct During Games

- Masks must be worn properly at all times inside the Janesville Ice Arena
  - Masks must be cover both nose and mouth
- Must remain in your assigned pod

- Congregating in any area inside the Janesville Ice Arena is not allowed
- Please consider bringing in as little as possible.
  - At this time please do not bring any food or drink into the Ice Arena.
- Spectators are not allowed in the Warming Room. The room will be used as a dressing room for goalies.
- Spectators must follow [JYH Fan Code of conduct](#)

#### When Game Ends: Spectators

- Spectators must exit the bleacher area as soon as the game ends so cleaning may begin
- For skaters who need assistance with removing their helmet and/or skates, 1 adult may remain in the rink to assist their skater. All others must exit the Janesville Ice Arena
- All must exit doors on Bleacher Side of Ice Arena

#### Player Departure (locker room cleaning begins 5 minutes after final horn)

- Players must exit the locker room within five (5) minutes of their game ending
- Coaches will not have time for post-game talks
- Skates, helmets and gloves may be taken off after the game and players must exit the locker room

#### Jobs for between games

##### **Home Team:**

- Registration Table (1 person)
- Bleacher Cleaning (2 people)
- Locker Room Cleaners (2 people)
- Bench Cleaner (1 person)
- Rink Cleaners (2 people)
- Off-ice officials (2 people: 1 clock; 1 penalty box/scoresheet)
- Locker Room Monitor (1 or 2 people- must be background check and safe sport certified)
- Covid/Safety Liaison: Team Manager
  - Responsible for flow of people and making sure protocols are followed
  - General Help for game

##### **Visiting Team**

- Registration Table (1 person)
- Bench Cleaner (1 person)
- Bleacher Cleaning (2 people)
- Locker Room Cleaners (2 people)
- Locker Room Monitor  
(1 or 2 people- must be background check and safe sport certified)
- Covid/ Safety Liaison: Team Manager
  - Responsible for flow of people and making sure protocols are followed

- General Help for game

#### CONCESSION STAND

At this time the concession stand will not be open for Youth Hockey Games

#### CONTACT TRACING

If a person has been identified as testing positive for Covid-19 and has been identified as being present in the Janesville Ice Arena with the recommendation and assistance of the Rock County Health Department a contact tracing process will be conducted.

**CLOSE CONTACT:** A person will be considered a close contact if any of the following are determined

- Within 6 feet or closer for 15 minutes (accumulated over 24 hours)
- Physical Contact with an infected person

**LOW-RISK CONTACT:**

- A person may be considered a low-risk contact if they were in the Ice Arena while an infected person was in the ice arena, but does not meet the close contact criteria
- Low-risk contacts should monitor closely for symptoms

Accurate Record Keeping is a must if proper contact tracing is needed.

- Accurate record-keeping ensures proper close contacts can be identified
- Low-risk contacts can be accurately determined

Those determined to be a **CLOSE CONTACT**

- Follow recommendations of Rock County Health Department
- Quarantine for 14 days.
  - Includes School, work, games, practices, jobs
- Monitor for symptoms
  - If symptoms develop contact a medical professional to determine the proper course of care

All Hockey Associations Participating in Region 4 Pod are responsible for open and honest communication amongst organizations in the following ways

- Sharing information regarding positive cases for those who were in the ice arena so proper tracing and quarantines can take place.
- Producing and verifying the accuracy of spectator, player, coach, game worker information
- Contacting appropriate hockey clubs and County Health Departments regarding Covid-19 positive tests

#### Game Notes

- Squirt and PeeWee games will have a 1 hour time slot
  - There will be (3) 12 minute periods with stop time.
  - Minor Penalties are 1:30 for Squirt and 2:00 for Pee Wee
- Bantam games will have a 1:15 minute time slot

- There will be (3) 15 minute periods with stop time
- Minor penalties will be 2:00
- There will be NO resurfacing during the game
- Game Clock Run Down Process:
  - If games are running late, we will shave time from the 3rd period of the game to help get back on track