

THE WESTFIELD RINK
COVID-19 Return to Play Guidelines
2020-2021 Season
(As of November 11, 2020)

The purpose of this document is to outline what is expected of visiting teams at The Westfield Rink as we navigate this season amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to keep everyone in our hockey community safe and compliant, we ask that all coaches, managers, volunteers, and parents/guardians help remind players about our policies.

ALL visiting players, coaches, managers, and volunteers must complete the [COVID-19 Waiver for Visiting Teams](#) in order to participate in any activity at The Westfield Rink. If the player is a minor (under the age of 18), a parent or guardian must complete the waiver on their behalf.

Please note that the following protocols and procedures apply to all participants at The Westfield Rink – not just visiting teams.

[Rink Parking Information](#)

Controlled Arrival & Exit:

1. Players should arrive no more than 15 minutes before the scheduled activity (25 minutes for goalies) and must leave the facility within 10 minutes of the end of their on-ice session.
2. Players must be fully dressed in their equipment upon entering the facility – except for skates, helmet, gloves, stick, and goalie pads. NO HOCKEY/EQUIPMENT BAGS ARE ALLOWED AT THE FACILITY (with an exception for goalies only). Small duffle bags or backpacks are acceptable.
3. Players will sit on marked benches in an open, well-ventilated area (covered by a tent) at least 6 feet from others in order to put on and take off skates. Locker rooms will not be in use. Players must stay in their designated changing area and remain in their seats until the ice is ready. If a player needs help tying skates, skates should be put on before entering the facility and can be protected using hard guards.
4. NO SPECTATORS ARE ALLOWED AT THE WESTFIELD RINK. We recommend visiting one of the nearby establishments, like [Rosie's Wine Bar](#) or [&grain](#), to sit comfortably, view the game, and support the local neighborhood.

5. **GATHERINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN OR AROUND GUMBERT PARK ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** This means no tailgating, no viewing games on large screens, no groups hanging around chatting, etc. No idling cars either. The Westfield Rink at Gumbert Park is located in a residential neighborhood. Please limit noise and be respectful of the surrounding residents. If visitors are unable to adhere to this policy, all games will be stopped and cancelled immediately.

Screening:

1. Forehead temperature check and screening questions upon arrival is required for all players and staff. Anyone with an elevated temperature (over 100.4 degrees) or with COVID-19 symptoms (based on screening questions) will be directed to return home.
2. All players, coaches, managers, and volunteers must be on their team's official USA Hockey roster in order to participate and fulfill their respective responsibilities as it relates to the game. Please send this roster to our rink staff at FrontDeskUSA2441@gmail.com before the game.
3. Visitor attendance to be recorded and retained in case it is needed for contact tracing.

Personal Hygiene:

1. All players and staff must use hand sanitizer upon entering the facility.
2. Players should arrive with their water bottles pre-filled as they are not allowed to fill them up at the facility.
3. Players cannot share equipment (e.g., gear, water bottles, towels, etc.). All equipment should be marked clearly so that it can be easily identified.
4. We ask that all personal equipment, including face masks, be cleaned/sanitized before entering the rink.

Social Distancing:

1. Players and staff must follow all signage within the facility – with particular attention to signage intended to direct flow of people – while following social distancing guidelines.
2. Maintain social distancing on team benches and during team discussions so that players are not in close proximity for extended periods of time.
3. Unnecessary physical contact – such as high fives, handshakes, and fist bumps – will be discouraged.

4. Upon completion of the game, players will be excused from the ice one at a time so as to maintain appropriate social distancing.

Personal Protective Equipment:

1. All visitors are required to wear face masks/coverings (over the nose and chin) at all times within the facility – except for players when on the ice.

Cleaning/Disinfecting Practices:

1. All hard surfaces and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day, before and after use, and at the end of each day.
2. Rink staff to perform enhanced cleaning of all changing areas used by players after one group leaves and before the next group is allowed into the facility.

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