



## **2020–2021 Season Safety Measures (in all scenarios)**

- When not competing (locker room, arena, etc.) players will wear mask
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- **Coaches, staff, and off-ice ice officials will wear face covering when indoors**
- Teams limited to two coaches on the bench
- Coaches/Players will be subject to temperature checks and screening upon arrival at the rink using an approved app or school designated system.
- **When practicing:** Within each program, create consistent pods of the same staff, volunteers and participants with a maximum number of 25 people in each pod. Each rink allowed two pods on the ice at the same time with no mixing between groups. Coaches and staff will wear masks.
- As much separation as possible during practice
- **When Competing:** No pre or post game handshakes, team huddle, or national anthem.
- All opponents from Minnesota (*or within 50 miles of MN Opponent, ex. Superior WI, GF ND*)
- Resurface half way through the game players exit and use social distance

## **Possible Season Outline #1**

### **Level 1 Safety Measures**

- Limited number of spectators allowed (#s determined by Arena and MDH Guidelines).
- Spectators required to wear mask indoors
- Locker Room use is limited based on Minnesota Department of Health social distancing guidelines.

### **Season Outline**

**Start Date:** On time (November 9th)

**Number of Scrimmages:** 1 Local Scrimmage

**Number of Competitions:** 24

Two games a week played on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (subject to ice availability) against the same opponent (Home and Home). Each team will play twelve opponents from anywhere within Minnesota

**Rationale:** Playing one opponent a week will limit exposure to multiple teams if a player develops symptoms.

**Playoffs:** Section Playoffs (February 15- February 27). State Tournament (March 2-6)

### **Possible Season Outline #2 (Assumed to include Level 1 safety measures as well)**

#### **Level 2 Safety Measures**

- 2 Spectators allowed per player. All spectators are required to wear a mask
- Use of locker room limited to 15 minutes prior and after ice session
- Social distance measures taken indoors
- Masks required when not on bench or on the ice.
- Players unable to play in both JV and Varsity games
- Minnesota Department of Health social distancing expectations and masks required when traveling as team

#### **Season Outline**

**Start Date:** On time (November 9th)

**Number of Scrimmages:** 1 Local Scrimmage

**Possible Number of Competitions:** 21

All games played against 'regional opponents'. Games could start November 20th, but only one game per week until December 31st. Mandatory 10 day holiday break (December 20-30) from competition. After December 31st teams can play two games a week played on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (subject to ice availability) against the same opponent (Home and Home).

**Rationale:** Playing one opponent a week will limit exposure to multiple teams if a player develops symptoms. Holiday break allows for 'reset' for teams to limit exposure to other teams. Teams are still allowed to practice if interested.

**Playoffs:** Section Playoffs (February 22- February 27). State Tournament (March 2-6)