



## FSI Shark Tank COVID-19 Phase II Parameters

St. Louis County has updated its guidelines for return to play. The good news is; this allows play on ice to return to “normal” and allows for spectators. However, screening and locker room policies remain the same along with some strengthening of these procedures. Please see the highlighted below for updated information on the Parameters. The updated St. Louis County Guidelines are also attached.

Everyone is excited to be able to get back to the rink and get back on the ice. However, in order to do this in a responsible way, there are several parameters all members must follow during this Phase I of opening. These guidelines are all specifically laid out in St. Louis County’s Department of Public Health Youth Sport Guidelines:

- If you are or your player is sick or running a temperature, you are not permitted to enter the building. Furthermore, if anyone is sick in your household, we ask that your player not participate in events at FSI Shark Tank. Anyone who enters FSI Shark Tank will receive a health screening, including temperature reading and health questioning. Additionally, we must record players’, coaches’, and officials’ names who enters the rink for potential future contact tracing.

Players must fully dress, excluding helmets and skates, at home or in the car. Players must undress, excluding helmets and skates, at home or in the car. Hockey bags will not be permitted in the building. When putting on and taking off skates, we ask that players maintain a 6’ buffer from each other. Benches in locker rooms will be marked for 6’ spacing. Goaltenders can fully dress and undress at FSI Shark Tank but must maintain 6’ spacing from other players. One family member may enter with younger players that require assistance to tie skates and put on helmets. After assisting their player, parents will exit the facility. (See next bullet concerning 6U and 8U parents)

~~Due to the age of our 6U and 8U players, one unaccompanied parent or designated guardian may remain in the bleachers to observe practice. All 6U/8U parents who choose to remain, will stay in the bleacher area only and observe 6’ social distancing.~~

Spectators will be able to remain in the Shark Tank to watch games and practices. We ask members to keep this at two family members per player. This is especially important for 6U and 8U families, as there will be 4 teams on the ice at one time for 4V4 games. If there are too many spectators, Meramec reserves the right to decrease this to one parent and/or remove excess family members if social distancing cannot be maintained. These family units must stay on an "X" marked in the stands or a designated space along the glass. Non-family members must maintain 6' spacing.

Coaches may carry one bag with them into the facility. Coaches may enter the building 20 minutes before their scheduled event.

Players must bring their own, specifically marked, water bottle to each practice. Sharing of water bottles will not be permitted.

Players are not permitted to enter FSI Shark Tank more than 10 minutes before their scheduled event. Likewise, players must exit FSI Shark Tank within 10 minutes of their event ending. This excludes goaltenders. Goaltenders are permitted to enter 20 minutes before their scheduled event and exit within 20 minutes. It is our goal to minimize the amount of overlap between consecutive events and those attending. There will be separate entrance pathways and exit pathways marked within the Rink.

~~Masks will not be mandatory, but strongly encouraged, while at FSI Shark Tank.~~

Masks are now mandatory for all those inside FSI Shark Tank, unless participating on the ice.

Gloves (non-playing) will not be permitted to be worn inside FSI Shark Tank. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at entry and exit as well as all locker room doors. Members must maintain proper hand cleanliness while utilizing FSI Shark Tank.

While at FSI Shark Tank all non-family members must maintain 6' spacing.

~~During Phase I, parents may not stay in FSI Shark Tank while their player is participating. They may re-enter the building to use the restroom and upon completion of the ice time to help remove skates. (one, unaccompanied 6U/8U parent, as described above, is the exception.)~~

We know that some of these parameters are not ideal and may be inconvenient. However, it beats the alternative which would be the continued closure of FSI Shark Tank. It is important to set up this environment in a way that puts our players and their families' health first and foremost. If anyone is found to not follow these parameters during Phase 1, their associated player can be removed from the balance of the program they are participating in without refund. We appreciate everyone's best efforts to adhere to these guidelines.