

All:

I hope this email finds you well, and that your entire organization is excited as we are for the return of hockey games to the Rochester area.

In light of the upcoming addition of games, we've updated our July 6th Reopening Plan to include new details on how BGRI plans to adapt NYS Protocols into our operational plan. I've attached a copy of that to this email, as well as the high-risk sports statement from Monroe County (in case you did not see this information).

We've highlighted key information for hockey families in the front of our formal protocols, and this information has also been posted on our website.

A few key points that I would like to bring to your attention, as well as ask that our full protocols be sent to all members within your organization.

- Most importantly, mask adherence continues to be a challenge at BGRI, specifically with youth hockey players. Per NYS, they are required to wear masks at all times outside of their time on the ice. Where we see this being a major issue is while players are in changing areas (not when arriving or departing BGRI). With the expected increase in foot traffic in the coming weeks, I please ask that your coaches oversee this, assuring that players of all ages abide by this mandate.
- Starting this weekend (for any games at BGRI) and Monday 2/8 (for practices and games moving forward), we plan to start utilizing locker rooms for all of your activities. The only reason we have not done this to date is the above bullet point. Locker rooms will begin use at 50% capacity, and in addition to that mandate, all players must have a mask on while in a locker room. This will only work if coaches/managers are present and monitoring this, so again, I ask that you please work with those individuals to see that this takes place. Overflow seating will still be present outside of all locker rooms, which can be used for any teams whose locker room is at capacity. We recommend that any players using those areas to change place their belongings in the team room before taking the ice, which will then allow the room to be locked, assuming no items go missing, or get stolen.
- Locker room assignments will be displayed on the large monitors in our main lobby, and we will not be assigning overflow seating locations for players. We ask that any players needing to utilize overflow space simply use the chairs directly outside of their assigned locker room.
- A coach or team manager will be required to sign out locker room keys (as we have done prior to COVID), so they will need to get in the routine once again.
- Outside of the above, the main question/protocol that I expect will come up is in relation to spectators for hockey games. We will be following NYS mandates, which allows for 2 spectators per player. We will be monitoring this closely, and should we see any challenges with this, I will follow up with you in real time.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to let me know, otherwise I appreciate you communicating this important information with your membership, and I hope to see you around the rink soon.

Warmest Regards,

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