



## COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

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Baierl Ice Complex, following guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and Allegheny County Health Department, designed the following procedures and policies to be compliant with the regulatory agencies. Also, because we take the health of our customers and staff very seriously, we designed the following protocols and procedures to provide a recreational and training complex to guests, athletes, and the BIC staff that is safe by minimizing the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. These protocols and procedures will be in addition to any specific BIC program or league's policies and procedures.

**Warning:** An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public location where people are present; Therefore, we cannot guarantee you will not be exposed during your visit. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death and people who show no symptoms can spread COVID-19 if they are infected. According to the CDC, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Visit the CDC website for the latest guidance. By visiting the Baierl Ice Complex you voluntarily expose yourself to all risks related to COVID-19

# Summary of Policies

## Face Coverings:

- Everybody must wear a face covering at all times while inside the facility.
  - Exceptions include individuals that cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, children under the age of 2, individuals who would be unable to remove the face covering without assistance, and individuals that must communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired.
  - According to the PA Department of Health, “wearing a mask in addition to a mouth guard and helmet would likely create a medical issue for the athlete.” USA Hockey requires youth players to wear a mouth guard, so please use caution if you decide to wear the two at the same time. If breathing becomes an issue for a player wearing a mask and a mouth guard, they may remove the mask for their on-ice session.
- Drinking coffee is not an acceptable reason to remove your face covering.

## Travel:

- Anyone who visits from another state must have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering Pennsylvania.
  - If someone cannot get a test or chooses not to, they must quarantine for 10 days.
  - If someone gets tested after entering PA, they must remain quarantined for the full 10-day period, or a 7-day period with a negative test on or after the 5<sup>th</sup> day.
- Pennsylvanians visiting all other states are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to their return or to quarantine for 10 days upon their return.
  - If someone gets tested after their return to PA, they must quarantine for a 10-day period, or a 7-day period with a negative test on or after the 5<sup>th</sup> day.
  - Pennsylvanians are not required to get tested or quarantine if they are outside the state for 24 hours or less.

Spectators: Little Penguins, Learn to Play Hockey, and ADM parents, see the 5<sup>th</sup> page of this document for details specific to these programs.

- Due to state-mandated building capacity limits, we can only allow 2 parent or guardian per player to enter the facility for games and practices.
  - The spectator may enter the building 5 minutes before the scheduled event begins, and they are required to go directly to the bleachers. Once the game ends, they must leave the building immediately and wait for their player to meet them outside.

# Policy and Procedure Details

## What to Consider Before Arriving at Baierl Ice Complex

- If you or anyone in your family has any COVID-19 symptoms, or if they are not feeling well, we ask that you please stay home. Do not visit the Baierl Ice Complex.
- If you have a weakened immune system or living with someone who is considered vulnerable, we recommend that you please stay home.
- The PA Health Department now requires Pennsylvanians to get tested for COVID-19 or quarantine for 10 days after leaving the state for longer than 24 hours. For details visit [Travelers \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov)
- We require that all guests practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from other customers.
- The Governor and local health department orders require all patrons to wear masks while on the premises. Exempted are those who have a medical condition that precludes them from wearing a mask, children under the age of 2 years, and people who must communicate with somebody that is hearing impaired.

## COVID-19 Case Notification

- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, please contact your organization's designated Pandemic Officer or Team Member.

## Face Coverings

- All persons must properly wear a mask at all times while inside the facility.
  - The mask must fully cover the nose and mouth.
  - This includes coaches and referees while on the ice.
  - Exceptions include individuals that cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, children under the age of 2, individuals who would be unable to remove the face covering without assistance, and individuals that must communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired.
- According to the PA Department of Health, “wearing a mask in addition to a mouth guard and helmet would likely create a medical issue for the athlete.” USA Hockey required youth players to wear a mouth guard, so please use caution if you decide to wear the two at the same time. If breathing becomes an issue for a player wearing a mask and a mouth guard, they may remove the mask for their on-ice session.
- Players must continue to wear a mask while in the locker rooms and surrounding areas.
  - Players who use the lobby area to dress or have their skates tied must properly wear a mask during this time. We highly recommend using your assigned locker rooms.

For more information on the Face Covering Order, visit [Universal Masking FAQ \(pa.gov\)](#)

## Arrival Times

- Players, coaches, managers, and referees are only permitted to enter the facility within 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of practices or games (scheduled event).
  - These individuals must proceed directly to their locker room areas upon entering the facility and remain in that area as much as possible.
- Game personnel may only enter the facility within 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
  - These individuals must proceed directly to their applicable locations – such as the scorer’s box – upon entering the facility.
- Players requiring assistance due to a medical condition may be accompanied by a parent/guardian while inside the facility, as long as a mask is worn by the parent/guardian and proper social distancing is established from others within the facility.
- Two parent/guardian per player may enter the facility 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of an event.
  - These individuals must proceed directly to the bleachers, and they must leave the building once the event has concluded.

# **Parents/Guardians with players – Ages 8 and under (ADM)**

## **Little Penguins & Learn to Play Hockey parents also:**

### Practices

Only two parent/guardian per participant will be allowed to enter the building:

- Please do not enter the building more than 30 minutes before your session.
- If siblings accompany parents in the facility, they must stay with the parent at all times.
- Players are encouraged to arrive dressed or partially dressed.
- Only one parent/guardian can enter the locker room to tie/untie skates and help their child get dressed/undressed.
- Players should wait in the locker room with their parent/guardian with their mask on until the start time of practice and go directly to the ice surface. Parent/guardian should either exit the facility or go to the appropriate rink bleacher area. Please make sure you keep your mask on and follow social distancing guidelines. Upon the end of the practice, the parent/guardian should meet their player in their locker room and exit the facility as soon as possible.

### Games

Two parent/guardian per participant will be allowed:

- Please do not enter the building more than 30 minutes before your session.
- The parent/guardian may enter with their child to assist in the locker room. Once they are done assisting their player, they must go directly to the bleachers and sit socially distanced from the other parents/guardians.
- If siblings accompany the parent into the facility, they must stay with the parent at all times.
- Parents are not to congregate inside the facility.
- After the game, one parent/guardian may assist the player in the locker room. We ask that you leave the facility as soon as possible.

# Parents/Guardians with players – Ages 9 to 18

## Practices

- Two parents/guardians are permitted to attend practice with their child. Parents should go directly to the designated rink bleachers.
- Please wear your mask and social distance from other people.

\*1 In-House parent (Ages 9-12) can help their player with their skates (13 & 14 yr. old are expected to dress on their own).

## Games

- Two parents/guardians per player may enter 5 minutes before game time and must go directly to the designated rink bleachers. Siblings must stay with the parent at all times.
- Parents are not to congregate inside the facility.
- No parent shall enter a locker room nor the surrounding hallways.
- Parents/guardians must immediately exit the facility after the game and meet the player outside.

\*1 In-House parent (Ages 9-12) can help their player with their skates (13 & 14 yr. old are expected to dress on their own).

# Practice and Game Format

## Shared Ice Practices - 2 Teams

- Shared ice practices are allowed, including a full-ice warm-up with both teams.

Each rink has carts with bumpers to divide the ice. Please notify the front desk prior to your practice so the Zamboni driver can put the cart on the ice. Please wait until the Zamboni driver finishes the ice cut before putting bumpers on the ice.

## Games

- Games will be permitted to be played 5 vs 5 with full rosters including coaches and officials. Coaches, off-ice officials, and referees are required to wear a mask at all times.

## Live Barn Streaming Service

Parents/guardians and spectators are encouraged to watch their child or acquaintance outside the building or at home (use the Baierl discount code: **311b-815c**).

# COVID-19 Positive – Plan of Action

If Baierl Ice Complex is contacted by a patron stating that they are feeling ill with any COVID-19 symptoms or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, Baierl Ice Complex will take the following actions:

Identify which organization the patron is with and work to determine:

1. When was the patron was in the facility?
2. What areas did the patron visit?
3. Who was the patron in direct contact with?
4. Notify all patrons that had direct contact with an infected person(s) while keeping their identity confidential.

## Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts

- In accordance with state and local privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations, youth sports organizations should notify [local health officials](#), youth sports program staff, umpires/officials, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)external icon](#) and other applicable laws and regulations.
- Work with [local health officials](#) to develop a reporting system (e.g., letter) youth sports organizations can use to notify health officials and close contacts of cases of COVID-19.
- Advise those who have had [close contact](#) with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and [self-monitor for symptoms](#), and to follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.

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## Facility Cleaning

Baierl Ice Complex has ongoing daily and nightly cleaning procedures to ensure the safety of our customers. Lobby areas and touch points are wiped on a regular basis, locker rooms are sprayed with disinfectant after each use, along with the entire facility being cleaned at the end of each night.