

# Guide for High School Hockey

*We are thrilled to be hosting high school hockey teams and games this season but we recognize concerns in the community about indoor sporting activities during the height of the COVID-19 public health crisis. To understand our full complement of COVID-19 related restrictions and protocols, please refer to our re-opening plan in the COVID-19 section at [keeneice.com](http://keeneice.com). These restrictions will evolve and be updated from time-to-time. Changes from previous version are always **highlighted in yellow**. Our hope is to be able to loosen restrictions over a period of time but at present, our top priority is to remain open for our ice users in a safe & healthy way and to be cooperative commercial members of our civic community in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Highlights of the most relevant guidance pertaining to high school hockey are as follows:*

- **Our arena is currently CLOSED to spectators.** To ensure that these activities may continue safely and without disruption for these student-athletes, our preference is that spectators watch games on LiveBarn however we are modifying this policy for specific home teams as follows:
  - ConVal/Conant HS Girls: No spectators, no parents (home or away)
  - KHS Boys: 2 tickets per player for HOME team; NO visitor spectators
  - KHS/MRHS/FMHS Girls: 2 tickets per player for HOME team; NO visitor spectators
  - MRHS/FMHS Boys: 2 tickets per player for HOME team; NO visitor spectators
  - **This additional spectator closure applies to ALL parents (without tickets), family, friends, teachers, classmates and scouts for visiting teams.** Spectators may enjoy games from home on LiveBarn or other live video stream that may be provided by the HS teams. Tickets are distributed by the school athletic director. Keene ICE is not involved in this process and will not answer questions about it. Spectators who are unable or unwilling to comply with our myriad social distancing guidelines will be asked to leave. The lobby is closed.
  - **Ticketed home team parents,** players, coaches, athletic directors/principals, game officials, athletic trainers, home team game staff (limited to three), team managers (limited to two), video streaming staff (limited to two), arena staff, bus drivers and credentialed media ONLY will be permitted to enter the arena during high school events. Anyone entering the arena must complete daily COVID-19 screening (detailed below); there are no exceptions to the screening requirement. *Please understand that our policies are clear and will be enforced, no matter how far one drives hoping to attend a game.*
- Players may be in the locker rooms for no more than 15 minutes prior to and 15 minutes after the game or practice. For games, we will begin the check-in process for players about 20 minutes before game time to accommodate the time needed to complete our entry screening. It is recommended that goaltenders and coaches enter ahead of skaters. **Keene High School teams and their visitors may NOT use locker rooms. Players and coaches must come dressed for the ice (except for their skates). Players must put their skates on the team bench when it becomes available to them. The players and their gear must stay contained to the bench area. Entrance times may be adjusted for KHS team practices and games based on this change. Please contact the KHS coach or athletic director.**

- Visiting teams may not bring pucks into the arena; Keene ICE provides pucks for all teams. Leave your pucks on the bus.
- Locker rooms are open for visiting teams of ConVal/Conant or MRHS/FMHS to change in; face masks must be worn at all times in the locker room until actually going to the ice. Showers are not currently available; rest rooms in the lobby are open but water fountains are not. Locker room capacity is limited to comply with NH GOFERR guidance; locker rooms will be assigned accordingly. KHS teams and their visitors may not use locker rooms.
- There will be no national anthem before games and no handshakes after games.
- Our masking and social distancing requirements comply with the Governor's Emergency Order #40 and local ordinances. Keene ICE does not require athletes to wear facemasks when they are actually on the ice playing however we will endorse any policies the NHIAA or the high schools implement. Keene ICE will require coaches to wear facemasks at all times during games (lowering the masks to better project voice to athletes at greater volume or distance is not permitted).
- Girls playing on predominantly boys teams may change in the locker room assigned to their team or they may use the party room which has been modified to accommodate players changing. Locker room "A" is not available. Ask on-site staff for directions.
- Before entering the building, arena visitors must complete our daily screening in order to comply with the Governor's Emergency Order #40. This is a process very similar to what is used at most rinks in NH. On the day of your visit, go to <https://keeneice.icovidscreen.com/visitors> and complete our questionnaire; persons who are welcome in the building will receive a Qr code that they will use to enter the building and to record their temperatures. Persons unwilling to complete the screening or who knowingly submit false information will be prohibited from entering the building. Qr codes are specific to each day and unique to each visitor.
- Irrespective of CDC definitions of "contact," persons (including coaches, players and officials) who have shared the ice with a person anytime during the 72 hours before that person has tested positive for COVID-19 are not permitted within Keene ICE for a period of ten days following the on-ice exposure. It is recommended that the "on-ice contacts" be tested for COVID-19 at the end of the ten day pause.
- If you have additional questions in advance of your team's visit to Keene ICE, please contact [beth@keeneice.com](mailto:beth@keeneice.com) or [bobby@keeneice.com](mailto:bobby@keeneice.com)