

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. These restrictions will evolve and be updated from time-to-time. 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 CLOSED to spectators.** We aspire to loosen these restrictions as the season progresses but will only do so if we are confident that it will not adversely impact our ability to serve our community. Through extensive conversations with our local athletic directors, we all agree that the safest course of action for now is to not allow any spectators in the building; our focus needs to be on providing the venue that is necessary for these deserving student-athletes to compete in their sport with their teammates. We are simply not willing to risk peripheral outbreaks or EO #40 violations that could jeopardize our ability to host HS teams.
 - **This spectator closure applies to ALL parents, family, friends, teachers, classmates and scouts for both home and visiting teams.** Spectators may enjoy games from home on LiveBarn or other live video stream that may be provided by the HS teams.
 - Players, coaches, athletic directors/principals, game officials, athletic trainers, 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 gametime to accommodate the time needed to complete our entry screening. It is recommended that goaltenders and coaches enter ahead of skaters.
- 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 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.
- 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 or bobby@keeneice.com