

NORTH BUFFALO RINK HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

What can you expect from our staff:

- Any staff displaying any symptoms of respiratory illness or flu should stay home and consult a healthcare professional.
- Any staff testing positive for COVID-19 must notify rink management immediately. Rink management will notify the proper authorities and cooperate with all contact tracing procedures.
- Staff will complete a health screening, including temperature, before each shift.
- Staff will wear proper PPE while performing their duties.
- Staff will receive training on the use of face coverings, PPE, hand washing techniques, sanitizing and cleaning procedures. Staff are expected to follow and enforce all policies and procedures.
- While every effort will be made to educate rink users to the new policies before they arrive, staff are expected to communicate those policies and procedures upon rink user arrival.

What do we expect of our rink patrons:

- As of 2/1/21, hockey games, meets, matches, scrimmages, competitive practices, tournaments, league play, pick up hockey, and competitive tournaments requiring travel(with exceptions), have been allowed by Erie County Department of Health,
- If you are displaying signs of respiratory illness or flu stay home.
- Organizations will be required to provide their health and safety plan, individuals will be required to sign a waiver that states they have screened all participants by asking the following questions:
 - Have you had any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days?
 - Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Have you had any contact with someone who has confirmed or suspected they have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - It is strongly recommended you ask each participant to take their temperature before coming to the rink. If they have a fever they should stay home.
- Do not share equipment/water bottles.
- Pay rink usage fees online through our secure payment page. The City of Buffalo has prohibited cash handling at the facility. Payment must be made prior to using the ice surface.
- A maximum of 1 spectator per skater will be allowed in the facility. Spectators must wear a mask, and maintain social distancing.
- Maintain social distancing to the highest extent possible.

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- Face coverings are required for all who enter the facility. Participants may remove their face coverings while on the ice participating in activity. Coaches, instructors are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Locker rooms will be made available to allow for social distancing. Capacity limits and social distancing rules must be followed by all teams. Facial coverings must be worn. All hockey bags must be stored in the locker room before your team takes the ice. Showers are not available.
- Players should still come to the rink as dressed as possible to limit the amount of time spent in changing areas and locker rooms.
- **No Spitting** in the facility
- Enter through assigned doors. Facility entry will be assigned to avoid groups crossing paths.
- Come to the rink no more than 20 minutes before the scheduled ice time. Come dressed and as ready to play as possible.
- You will be allowed in the facility 20 minutes prior to the ice time to get ready. You will be allowed 20 minutes after the ice time to get changed and leave the facility.
- Showers will not be available.
- Public skating sessions are cancelled until further notice.

What is our cleaning and sanitizing procedure:

- All chemicals used for sanitizing have been approved to be effective against COVID-19 and other viruses and bacteria.
- Clean and sanitize public spaces and high touch points after each rental group including but not limited to counters, door handles, push bars, net posts and crossbars, restrooms, seating areas.
- Locker rooms will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each use.
- Clean and sanitize employee only areas after each use including but not limited to rink office, desk, computer, door handles, tables, mechanical room doors and equipment.
- All shared, common equipment will be cleaned after each use.
- Showers will be inaccessible.
- 1 urinal in each of the restrooms will be blocked off to follow physical distancing guidelines
- Rental skates will not be available
- All locker rooms, restrooms, common areas will be cleaned and sanitized each night.