***“USERS” Guide to “COVID-19” 2020-21 Winter use of Thaler/Pond Arena Version as of 10/29/2020***

**The State of Minnesota** requires everyone entering **Thaler/Pond Arena** **to wear a mask**

***PLAYERS/COACHES/REFEREES:***

Players/coaches/referees with any risk factors or illnesses should not participate in any on-ice activity.

Players should arrive at the arena **fully dressed with the exception** of helmet and skates, wearing a mask.

1. Please leave your **bags** at home – **no undressing allowed**
2. Exceptions will be made for goalies; but they should dress as much as possible at home.
3. Players are not required to wear a mask on the ice; must wear mask off ice at all times
4. Coaches are required to wear a mask in locker rooms, player bench areas, and while on the ice

Whenever possible, players should use the restroom at home prior to leaving for the rink in an effort to limit bathroom use at the arena.

Players should be bringing their own water bottles to the rink in a clearly marked container with the player’s identity and full of water, etc.….**NO** drinking fountains will be available at the rink.

Players will only be allowed in the rink 20min (goalie) and 10 min (skater) before their scheduled ice session

Arena staff will ask coach/screener about MDH “COVID-19” symptoms when entering Thaler Arena.

(coach/screener must arrive 20-25 minutes before their scheduled ice time)

Coach/screener will ask referees about MDH “COVID-19” symptoms when entering Thaler Arena

Coach/screener must ask every player if they are MDH symptom free prior to entering arena for every on-ice session

Recommended: Scorers, announcers, and penalty box should be staffed by home team if possible and have a maximum of two people. If off ice officials are not from the same household, they should maintain social distancing. Masks should be worn by off ice officials at all times.

Maximum of 50 skaters including coaches allowed when two pods of 25 use ½ sheet of ice each **(no mixing allowed)**

Maximum of 25 skaters including coaches allowed when using full ice sheet

Players entering and players exiting must not interact with each other and must social distance.

Players entering and exiting Thaler/Pond Arena will follow the designated path.

1. Locker rooms
2. Open skating area or Main locker room hallway (Thaler)
3. Bleacher area **A** &**B** (Pond)

At Locker room/designated dressing area player will:

1. Stay 6 feet apart in their designated spot wearing their mask
2. Put skates, helmet and gloves on
3. Stay seated until directed to go on the ice
4. When directed, go on the ice one by one staying 6 feet apart
5. Social distance where possible on players bench
6. Players **must** leave arena within 5 minutes of finished ice session
7. Player should remove skates and helmet only with their mask on – **no other undressing allowed**
8. Players must exit wearing a mask
9. **NO** off-ice interaction should occur following the conclusion of game
10. Follow designated area back out of the arena

**Parent/Player and Visiting Team will sign a waiver releasing liability and obligating to entering Thaler/Pond with no COVID-19 symptoms per Minnesota Department of Health and will agree to use the MDH Decision Tree**.

While at home, players should clean and disinfect gear after each use.

Thaler/Pond meeting rooms, fitness room, and dryland training area will not be available to schedule at this time.

Concessions and drinking fountains will not be available

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS/SPECTORS:**

Any parent/guardian/spectator entering the arena for a practice, scrimmage, or game will be asked if they are symptom free and required to wear a mask. Only **one** parent/guardian per player are allowed if necessary for **PRACTICE**. Must practice social distancing in the stands/arena. Must wear a mask everywhere in the arena and must leave the arena **immediately** after practice is over.

Only **two** spectators per player are allowed for a **SCRIMMAGE/GAME** and are allowed in **AT SCRIMMAGE/GAME** **TIME**. Must wear a mask everywhere in the arena and must leave the arena **immediately** after the game is over. **No** waiting for players inside of the arena.