

# RMU Island Sports Center

## Hockey

### COVID-19 Safety Protocols and Procedures

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Robert Morris University takes the health of its guests, customers, students, and staff very seriously and wants to provide a safe recreational and training complex to everyone. Therefore, in accordance with guidelines and recommendations from UPMC, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Allegheny County Health Department, the following procedures and protocols are designed to help mitigate the virus by minimizing the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19 and to be in compliance with the regulatory agencies.

**Warning:** An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public location where people are present; 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 RMU Island Sports Center you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

### **Policies and Procedures**

- **Do not visit the Island Sports Center** if anyone in your family has any COVID-19 symptoms, if they are not feeling well, or if you or your family member have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Stay home if you have a weakened immune system, or living with someone who is considered vulnerable.
- **Everyone must wear a face mask** that is covering the nose and mouth at all times while inside the facility and on the premises, including all participants on the training surfaces during practices and games. **Exceptions** include individuals who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical conditions, children under the age of two, individuals who would be unable to remove the face covering without assistance, and individuals who must communicate with someone who is hearing impaired.
- Coaches and athletes must wear face coverings in the facility, which includes entering and exiting the facility.
- Coaches who are on the bench or on the playing surface must wear masks.
- Players are required to wear masks while changing in or out of equipment.
- Players wearing a hockey helmet do not need to wear a mask while migrating between locker room/changing area and the playing surface.
- Referees must wear a mask everywhere in the facility, including the locker room, surrounding hallways, and on the playing surface unless it causes a medical condition.
- Team managers and game personnel (medic, scorekeeper, PA announcer, penalty box attendants, etc.) must keep masks on at all times.
- Parents/guardians should refrain from entering the facility. Players should be dropped off and picked up whenever possible.
- **No more than two parents / guardians per rostered player** may enter the facility and remain while their child is playing. Additional non-skating siblings should not enter the facility. However, if a sibling must attend, the child must wear a mask, **stay with the parent at all times**, and social distance from others.
- **Nonessential visitors and spectators are not permitted to enter the facility. This includes additional family members and friends.**
- High school and amateur hockey leagues, such as the PIHL, PAHL and PIRHL, may impose stricter parent/guardian/spectator policies for their games. Any stricter policies they implement has the approval of RMU management.

- Parents/guardians are not to congregate inside or outside the facility without practicing 6 feet social distancing and must leave immediately once the event is over.
- Parents shall not enter a locker/changing room or surrounding hallways unless it is necessary to help their young child with skates and helmet.
- It is the respective **league's responsibility** to inform its member organizations of the ISC's policies and procedures. It is the **home team's responsibility** to inform the visiting team of ISC's policies and procedures and to help enforce them.
- Parents and spectators are encouraged to watch their player on the **LiveBarn** streaming service (use ISC discount sign-up code: **7a96-eb26**).
- Players and parents should arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to their activity's start time, and proceed directly to their designated/applicable area. Remain in that area as much as possible.
- Do not congregate and leave immediately after the activity is over.
- Players should arrive dressed in full gear, except skates, gloves, and helmet, for their activity. Due to occupancy limits in locker and changing rooms, additional chairs and benches are placed throughout the facility to use.
- Masks must be worn while in the locker and changing rooms, and **locker room doors must remain open at all times**.
- Please leave equipment bags at home or use a much smaller bag to carry only a few items.
- Locker room bathrooms and showers are not available.
- We do not loan equipment out.
- We do not maintain a Lost & Found. All found articles are thrown away.
- The Pro Shop is open for purchases.
- Follow all posted signage.

**RMU management reserves the right to remove patrons if not compliant with facility requirements.**