

Viroqua Community Arena - COVID-19 Policies

The Viroqua Area Hockey Association and its members will be required to adhere to the following COVID-19 policies stated below. Anyone entering and/or using the facility must abide by these policies.

RINK POLICY:

1. Players/coaches/parents with any illness or any Covid-19 symptoms (Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea) should not enter the rink.
2. Per Gov Evers mandate, every person entering the rink is required to have a face covering on at all times. Players will wear face coverings **both on and off the ice**. The face covering **MUST** be worn properly, meaning covering the mouth and nose completely. Coaches are required to wear face coverings on the bench during games. Volunteers running the penalty box and scoreboard must also wear face coverings.
3. Everyone entering an ice arena, including anyone with a documented medical condition, must wear a mask at all times while in the facility. The only exception will be when on the ice as explained below.
4. Players without documented medical conditions must wear face protection at all times, including when practicing and playing. Masks and gaiters should completely, and properly, cover the mouth and the nose.
5. Players with documented medical conditions that exempts them from wearing a mandated face covering, are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet face guard/shield equipped with a HECC approved splash/spit guard, <http://hecc.org/certspitguards.html>, while on the ice and/or bench.
6. Any facial covering attached to a helmet face mask, other than those made by a helmet manufacturer, may affect the HECC certification of the mask. Review USAH Protective Equipment Rule 304(b) as it remains in effect.
7. If your player has a medical condition including asthma or other breathing disorder and is unable to wear the face covering on the ice, a parent or legal guardian will need to provide a specific doctor statement identifying the specific skater and the medical condition

and the reason for the skater not being able to wear the face covering. The doctor's note must be presented to the President of VAHA and their coach ahead of the on ice activity and the note must also be kept with them at all times. Note: this exception is for high intensity on-ice activity only, it does not relieve the skater of the requirement to wear a face covering anywhere else in the arena.

8. Arrive at rink no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of practice and leave the rink no more than 15 minutes after practice is over.
9. VAHA will be gathering contact tracing information from spectators/volunteers, coaches and players who enter the arena for games and practices. Each team's Parent Reps and Coaches will be responsible for coordinating the completion of the player/spectator logs and ~~conducting temperature checks upon entry for their team.~~ The logs will include contact information including player and spectators name and phone number then be kept at the arena by the rink manager. ~~Anyone with a fever over 100 degrees or exhibiting symptoms will be sent home.~~
10. We request skaters come dressed (aside from skates, helmets and gloves) to minimize time in the locker room. Two locker rooms will be available per team, players (and parents assisting young skaters) and coaches must comply with 6 feet physical distancing while in the locker rooms (seating is marked to support the distancing) and adhere to the locker room occupancy as posted for each locker room. Overflow seating for players will be made available just outside in the hallways. Locker rooms will have doors propped open and are not meant to be areas of privacy for players and teams at this time, they are open only for getting dressed quickly and storing bags.
11. **Spectators/Parents For Practices:** Only 1 parent will be allowed in the arena to help with equipment or watch practice. Face coverings must be worn at all times by parents while inside. Non-skaters must watch from the bleachers, no viewing will be allowed next to the glass in the lobby or along the boards.
12. **Spectators/Parents For Games:** At this time we are limiting the number of spectators at games to meet the 25% capacity mandate. We understand families may sit in their pods but we ask that everyone be respectful of others and follow minimum 6 foot social distancing guidelines from the other families/spectators. No viewing will be allowed next to the glass in the lobby or along the boards. Non-skaters must watch from the bleachers.
13. Practices and home games at the arena can be viewed on Live Barn (online

broadcast) for those not able or preferring not to attend in person. A subscription is required. www.livebarn.com

14. There will be 2 entrances to allow for separation of teams: North and South. Your team will be assigned to an entrance and that will be posted on the schedule on the VAHA website. There will be additional parking on the North side of the Arena.
North entrance= Lockers C,D South entrance = A,B. Teams will exit through the same entrance they arrived
15. The mezzanine and lobby will be closed during practice. Lobby will have limited access for concessions during games. Limited concessions/vending will be available during games
16. The lobby, locker room and hallway bathrooms will be open.
17. Bring a water bottle for your player that is labeled, and full. Water fountains will not be available.
18. Please no spitting on the ice at any time.
19. At this time no handshake lines are allowed after games.
20. TEMPORARY POLICY per WAHA & USA Hockey: WAHA and USA Hockey will not sanction any games, scrimmages, tournaments, jamborees or practices in Wisconsin with any team from any state where their government or USA Hockey affiliate has a no-out-of-state- travel order in effect. This order will be in effect until December 21, 2020, when it will be reviewed again by the WAHA Board.

OPEN SKATE/ PRIVATE RENTAL POLICIES:

1. Anyone with any illness should not enter the rink.
2. Per Gov Evers mandate, every person entering the rink will have a face covering on. The face covering MUST be worn properly meaning covering the mouth and nose completely.
3. Open skate will be open to the public, 75 skaters will be allowed on the ice.
4. Concession and lobby may be open with socially distanced guidelines in place.
5. Lockers A & B will open for putting skates on.
6. Non-skaters must watch from the bleachers. No viewing will be allowed next to the glass in the lobby or along the boards.
7. Skate rental will be available,skates are sanitized between use

8. Face coverings are required on the ice during open skate and private rentals.
9. Open Skate may be canceled per direction of the BOD/Covid committee at any time.

CLEANING POLICY:

1. Locker rooms, bathrooms and high touch point areas will be sanitized after every practice/game
2. Bleachers will be sanitized twice a day.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the arena.

COVID MONITORING:

There is no magical formula or scoreboard to work from so the VAHA Safe Rink - Covid team works in an ongoing capacity to make real-time, informed decisions in conjunction with a number of expert resources, including but not limited to WAHA, WIAA, Vernon County Health Services, the medical community, Athletic Directors, all in order to make decisions to best serve our organization's goal of a continuous and safe hockey season. These decisions include but are not limited to setting guidance for all VAHA skating events at home and away from the rink.

COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE/SYMPTOMS PROCEDURE:

1. Any COVID-19 symptom related questions should be directed to your doctor and/or Vernon County Health Department for guidance.
2. The parent representative of each team will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 positive cases by notifying the coach and arena manager. All team coaches, players and parents should know who their parent rep is and how to contact them.
3. The Arena Manager will notify all members if a positive test is confirmed. The positive person's confidentiality will be maintained in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and HIPPA laws.
4. Any opponents or players/teams that have practiced with the infected player over the previous 14 days will be notified.
5. Any opponents or players/teams scheduled to practice with the player's team over the upcoming 14 days will also be notified.
6. We will follow the Vernon County Health Dept guidelines on next steps and will use their guidance to determine if we need to pause practices or games.
7. A deep clean of the arena will happen after a positive case is identified.
8. The Safe Rink - Covid team will collectively monitor cases within the association.

In the event the season is canceled, refunds will be prorated and given until

December 31st. After that date, no refunds will be issued.

The above policies are put in place to protect our parents, players, and visitors and to ensure the most successful season possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Viroqua Community Covid-19 policies are subject to change based on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. Association members will be provided policy changes via email.