

UNION SPORTS ARENA
COVID-19 Return to Play Guidelines
2020-2021 Season
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The purpose of this document is to outline what is expected of visiting teams at Union Sports Arena as we navigate this season amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to keep everyone in our hockey community safe and compliant, we ask that all coaches, managers, volunteers, and parents/guardians help remind players about our policies.

ALL visiting players, coaches, managers, and volunteers must complete the [COVID-19 Waiver for Visiting Teams](#) in order to participate in any activity at Union Sports Arena. If the participant is a minor (under the age of 18), a parent or guardian must complete the waiver on their behalf.

Please note that the following protocols and procedures apply to all participants at Union Sports Arena – not just visiting teams.

Controlled Arrival & Exit:

1. Players should arrive no more than 15 minutes before the scheduled activity (25 minutes for goalies) and must leave the facility within 10 minutes of the end of their on-ice session.
2. Players must be fully dressed in their equipment upon entering the facility – except for skates, helmet, gloves, stick, and goalie pads – which they can put on inside. **NO HOCKEY/EQUIPMENT BAGS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE BUILDING** (with an exception for goalies only). Small duffle bags or backpacks are acceptable.
3. Players will sit on marked benches in an open, well-ventilated area at least 6 feet from others in order to put on and take off skates. Locker rooms will not be in use. Players must stay in their designated changing area and remain in their seats until the ice is ready.
4. No parents/guardians or other non-skating customers are allowed in the facility with the exception of coaches and the team manager (all of whom must be on your team's USA Hockey roster). If a player needs help tying skates, skates should be put on before entering the building and can be protected using hard guards.

Screening:

1. Forehead temperature check and screening questions upon arrival is required for all players and staff. Anyone with an elevated temperature (over 100.4 degrees) or with COVID-19 symptoms (based on screening questions) will be directed to return home.
2. All players, coaches, managers, and volunteers must be on their team's official USA Hockey roster in order to participate and fulfill their respective responsibilities as it relates to the game. Please send this roster to our rink staff at FrontDeskUSA2441@gmail.com before the game. Attendance to be recorded and retained in case it is needed for contact tracing.

Personal Hygiene:

1. All players and staff must use hand sanitizer upon entering the facility.
2. Players should arrive with their water bottles pre-filled as they are not allowed to fill them up at the facility.
3. Players cannot share equipment (e.g., gear, water bottles, towels, etc.). All equipment should be marked clearly so that it can be easily identified.
4. We ask that all personal equipment, including face masks, be cleaned/sanitized before entering the rink.

Social Distancing:

1. Players and staff must follow all signage within the facility – with particular attention to signage intended to direct flow of people – while following social distancing guidelines.
2. Maintain social distancing on team benches and during team discussions so that players are not in close proximity for extended periods of time.
3. Unnecessary physical contact – such as high fives, handshakes, and fist bumps – will be discouraged.
4. Upon completion of the game, players will be excused from the ice one at a time so as to maintain appropriate social distancing.

Personal Protective Equipment:

1. All participants are required to wear face masks/coverings (over the nose and chin) at all times within the facility – except for players when on the ice.

Cleaning/Disinfecting Practices:

1. All hard surfaces and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day, before and after use, and at the end of each day.
2. USA staff to perform enhanced cleaning of all changing areas used by players after one group leaves and before the next group is allowed into the facility.

Reduced Amenities:

1. The xHockeyProducts Pro Shop hours are 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday and 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. All customers must complete forehead temperature check and screening questions in the rink lobby before entering the store. No more than four customers may be allowed in the store at any given time, and all customers must remain in the store until their shopping is complete (no re-entry). The xHockeyProducts Pro Shop can be reached at 908-258-0670.
2. The snack bar will remain closed for the time being. Video games and snack vending machines have been temporarily removed from the facility.

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