



Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing
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Covid-19 Operation Protocols, November 24, 2020

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The following procedures, protocols, and expectations will be in place at the “facility” until such time as eliminated or revised. **For purposes of this document, the “facility” shall include areas within the building and on the grounds surrounding the building.** The “grounds” will include walkways or paths leading to/around the facility from which the playing surface is visible.

We reserve the right to modify this document at any time with the current copy posted at the facility and on our website.

In advance of your visit, we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we attempt to manage this unprecedented situation at this unique facility. The walkways surrounding the playing surface at Churchill Rink are narrow making movement or viewing while maintaining a safe social distance extremely difficult. We've made considerable effort to modify the facility to increase useable space, walkways, and exits to ensure the safety of all attendees. Without your cooperation however, our ability to operate safely will be challenged and our ability to remain open during the pandemic jeopardized. Please help us by following the rules as we venture to keep the rink safe for everyone and open for business until the end of Covid-19, or the 2020-2021 season which is our goal!

If you or someone you know is in a high-risk category, we ask that you or that person carefully consider whether to participate in activities or watching events at Churchill Rink until safer times.

To keep the facility safe for our guests we have taken many measures to prepare. All groups and their members utilizing the facility must adhere to guidance specified in this document and posted at the links below by the State of New Hampshire and Federal Government.

- State of New Hampshire [SAFER AT HOME, Amateur & Youth Sports, COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDANCE](#)
- [SAFER AT HOME, Hockey & Indoor Ice Arena Guidance](#)
- State of New Hampshire [UNIVERSAL GUIDELINES](#)
- [CDC GUIDANCE FOR CLEANING & DISINFECTION](#)
- [STATE OF NH EMPLOYER TRAVEL, SCREENING & EXCLUSION GUIDANCE](#)

The following is a partial list of efforts made or procedures we will follow for operation under Covid-19 Guidance:

- Converted previously inaccessible areas to useable space for lacing up, walking, and watching.
- Added ventilation to office, rest rooms, and changing rooms.
- Hand-Sanitizer dispensers wall-mounted throughout the facility.
- Changing rooms/areas to be disinfected between user groups.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.
- High touch areas will be sanitized regularly.
- Staff will wear masks when around other people.
- Staff will take their own temperature before every shift and answer the CDC Covid-19 screening questions below.

GENERAL RULES.

1. **TESTING MAY BE REQUIRED AS PER STATE GUIDELINES COVERING “HOCKEY & INDOOR ICE ARENA ACTIVITIES” HOWEVER, PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE TESTED.** #10 IN STATE GUIDANCE READS, “Prior to Friday, November 6, 2020, it is required that all rink staff, volunteers, coaches/staff, referees, and athletes (youth and adult leagues) be tested at least once for COVID-19 to limit early re-introduction of COVID-19. The test should be performed after the announced 2-week “pause” on all hockey and ice arena activities on October 15, 2020. The test can be either PCR or Antigen based (ie Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Test). Test results must be provided to the hockey program* on or before Friday, November 6, 2020 with a copy being kept by the program for 30 days. A person is exempt from this recommendation if they have previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the three months prior to the date of the “pause” with a virus-specific test used to diagnose active infection (PCR or antigen-based test).” (*program = the organizer for private ice rental situations)
 - A. TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR YOUTH AND ADULT RENTAL GROUPS APPLY TO ALL PERSONS WHO WERE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN ON ICE ACTIVITY AT THE TIME OF THE SHUTDOWN ON OCTOBER 15TH.

- B. A PERSON IS EXEMPT FROM THE TESTING REQUIREMENT IF THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE “PAUSE” (OCTOBER 15TH) WITH A VIRUS-SPECIFIC TEST USED TO DIAGNOSE ACTIVE INFECTION (PCR OR ANTIGEN BASED TEST).
- C. ANY PROGRAM OR TEAM THAT STARTS FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR AFTER OCTOBER 30, 2020, IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE COVID-19 TESTING.
- D. IF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TEST BASED ON STATE GUIDANCE, TEST RESULTS SHOWING NEGATIVE FOR COVID MUST BE PROVIDED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION.
2. **MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED.** If not affiliated with an organization who purchases ice from the facility on a contractual basis, all persons who attend rink sponsored public sessions or activities must sign up to be a member for purposes of the facility maintaining contact information for communications as needed and recording dates and times sessions are attended for contact tracing should it become necessary. Although there may be different levels of membership with different benefits, a no-cost membership will be offered. (Spectators are not required to have a membership.)
3. **ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ENTER THE FACILITY MUST ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTERING.** (If a person answers YES to any of these questions or has a higher than allowed temperature, they will not be admitted. Spectators are not required to have their temperature taken.)
- a. Do you have any of the following symptoms of Covid-19?
 - i. Fever (a documented temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or feeling feverish?
 - ii. Respiratory symptoms such as a runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?
 - iii. General body symptoms such as muscle aches, chills, and severe fatigue?
 - iv. Gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea?
 - v. Changes in your sense of taste or smell?
 - vi. Been in close contact with someone suspected or confirmed to have had COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - vii. Have you traveled in the past 14 days outside of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Rhode Island?

- b. Person(s) with any COVID-19 symptoms, those who report that in the past 14 days they have had close contact with someone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19, or report travel risk factors not meeting established exception parameters will not be allowed into the facility.
 - i. Symptomatic persons should contact their healthcare providers to be tested for COVID-19 and self-isolate at home following the instructions below.
 - ii. Asymptomatic persons reporting that in the past 14 days they have had close contact with someone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19, or who report one of the traveled-related risk factors should self-quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure or return from travel.
 - iii. **NOTE:** Healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment should answer “no” to this question.
- c. Person(s) with a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 must stay home until symptom-based criteria are met for discontinuation of isolation which are:
 - i. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
 - ii. At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (“Recovery” is defined as resolution of fever off any fever reducing medications plus improvement in other symptoms).
- 4. **FACE COVERINGS MANDATORY** - Any person entering the facility ***must wear a face covering*** over their mouth and nose made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material in accordance with Town of Durham Emergency Ordinance #2020-11, State of NH, and CDC guidance.
 - a. Face coverings must always be worn in the facility with the following exceptions.
 - i. While on the ice participating in the sport of ice hockey.
 - 1. Face coverings utilized while participating in hockey must meet definitions in guidance provided the state.
 - ii. While on player benches between shifts but only if adequate social distancing of 6-feet can be maintained.
 - 1. Linear bench dimensions at the facility of 24-feet equate to no more than 5 persons (players, coaches, volunteers) occupying a bench area without the mask requirement taking affect. Players should spread out along each bench to allow for 6-feet between them. (On the visitor’s bench, a single chair at the end of the bench will be for an additional player as the bench is 3-feet shy of space needed to allow for 5 to sit.)
 - b. For point of clarification, face coverings must be worn by.

- i. Public skate session participants, coaches while on and off the ice or on benches, referees, support staff, spectators, and rink staff.
 - ii. Players who need to leave the ice for any reason including using the rest room. If a player needs to leave the ice, they must put on their mask before coming to the rest room area.
5. All participants and spectators should have with them their own **HAND-SANITIZER** and use it before entering the facility, while on site, and after exiting the building.

6. FOOD OR BEVERAGE AT THE FACILITY.

- a. **THE CONCESSION STAND WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
 - b. Water, sports drinks, and packaged snacks for athletes are allowed. Spectators may bring in their own non-alcoholic beverages but consumption of such does not eliminate the requirement to wear a face covering. Please raise and lower your mask between sips. Outside food for spectators is not allowed. All bottles and wrappers are the responsibility of the persons who consume them and must be removed from the facility.
7. **THE FACILITY WILL BE “CARRY IN, CARRY OUT” UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** There will be **no trash receptacles for public use in the building.** All tape balls, bottles, **GUM**, wrappers etc. etc. should leave the building with participants. Groups who leave trash in the facility will lose privileges. Exception = There will be a trash can at each rest room sink.
8. **THERE WILL BE NO LOST AND FOUND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Anything left will be disposed of. Please be sure not to leave your belongings!!
9. **PLEASE HAVE PLAYERS USE THE REST ROOM BEFORE LEAVING HOME.**
10. WHEN PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FACILITY THIS SEASON, THERE WILL BE MINIMAL TIME FOR GETTING ON THE ICE. WE NEED TO CREATE A SENSE OF URGENCY TO GET THEM IN, ON, OFF, AND OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! FOOLING AROUND, RUNNING, HORESPLAY OR OTHER SIMILAR UNNECESARRY ACTIVITY IS NOT GOING TO HELP US MEET OUR GOALS SO WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

11. SICKNESS PROTOCOL.

- a. If while at the facility a participant/user becomes sick, the following procedures will be followed.
 - i. The person will immediately put a mask on if not wearing one already.
 - ii. The person will return to a vacant room in the following order of preference. The changing room they got ready in, the coaches/referee’s room, the rink office.
 - iii. If a minor, a coach will call the persons guardian for them to be picked up and remain with the person until the guardian arrives.

12. ARRIVING/ENTERING/EXITING THE FACILITY.

- a. **PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FACILITY UNTIL 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THEIR SCHEDULED ICE SESSION OR THEIR "ENTRY TIME".**
- b. At entry time, a designated representative of the facility will be at the front/main entrance to confirm screening for Covid-19 symptoms at once, let you enter if screening response allows, and tell you where to go. **(ENTRY FROM AREAS OTHER THAN THE MAIN ENTRANCE IS FORBIDDEN)**
- c. If a parent/guardian will not be with their minor child at their designated entry time, they must "drop-off" their child with a coach and confirm to them at that time their child is clear off all symptoms relating to Covid-19.
- d. Parents & Coaches of teams must abide by the same procedure and supply a completed copy of a filled-out **TEAM SIGN-IN FORM**.
- e. If you are late for your entry time, you will not be allowed to enter if a facility representative is not available to admit you. All group participants should plan to be on time or risk not being allowed in the building.
- f. **ALL PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN HOCKEY BELOW AGE 12 (PEE WEE & YOUNGER) MUST ARRIVE AT THE FACILITY DRESSED FOR PLAY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS.**
 - i. Skates, shoulder & elbow pads, helmet and gloves may be put on once at the facility.
 1. For players under 10, a parent or guardian may accompany the skater to the walkway outside the dressing room to assist with skate tightening.
 - ii. Goalies may arrive in hockey socks/sweats and pants and put remaining gear on once at the facility.
- g. **FOR HOCKEY PRACTICES, EACH ICE SLOT WILL BE ALLOWED THE USE OF ALL FOUR (4) DRESSING ROOMS.**
 - i. Participants will spread out among all available rooms while not exceeding the posted capacity for each room. (Room 1 = 8, 2 = 9, 3 = 7, 4 = 7)
 - ii. Participants will sit at designated spots as indicated by stickers on benches or on chairs above white x's on floors. Chairs should not be moved.
 - iii. If there is not space left in a room, participants must rotate use of available space.
 - iv. Room capacities apply to all persons in a room. Parents helping kids count.
- v. **MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN CHANGING ROOMS OR OVERFLOW AREAS.**

- vi. Once fully dressed in hockey gear, players will put the possessions they will not wear while on the ice in their bag and wait for instructions on how to proceed to the ice surface **WHILE STILL WEARING THEIR MASK. NOTE – IN MOST INSTANCES, PLAYERS WILL NOT RETURN TO THEIR DRESSING ROOM AFTER THEIR PRACTICE. EXCEPTIONS WILL OCCUR IF THERE IS NO GROUP ON THE ICE AFTER. RINK STAFF WILL TELL YOU IT'S OK TO LEAVE YOUR STUFF IN THE ROOM AND RETURN AFTER THE SKATE IF THIS APPLIES.**
- vii. At the designated ice entry area, players will leave their bags in a socially distanced fashion and enter the ice surface when told to do so.
- viii. At completion of their ice session, players will exit the ice through the door they are instructed to use by facility staff or signs, return to their bag, remove their helmet, and immediately put on their face covering.
- ix. Skates, helmet, gloves, jersey, elbow, shoulder pads, hockey pants, socks, and shin pads can then be removed. **NO FURTHER UNDRESSING IN THE FACILITY IS ALLOWED FOR ALL AGE LEVELS.**
- x. Players should immediately exit the building as directed by signs or facility staff.
- h. **FOR HOCKEY GAMES, EACH TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED THE USE OF TWO (2) CHANGING ROOMS.**
 - i. Team entry time will be **15 MINUTES** before scheduled game time and use the rooms assigned to them by facility staff.
 - ii. Participants will spread out among all available rooms while not exceeding the posted capacity for each room. (Room 1 = 8, 2 = 9, 3 = 7, 4 = 7)
 - iii. Participants will sit at designated spots as indicated by stickers on benches or on chairs above white x's on floors. Chairs should not be moved.
 - iv. If there is not adequate space left in a room, participants must rotate use of available space.
- v. MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN ROOMS OR OTHER AREAS.**
- vi. Once fully dressed in hockey gear, players will put the possessions they will not wear while on the ice in their bag and proceed to the ice surface **WHILE STILL WEARING THEIR MASK. NOTE – IN MOST INSTANCES, PLAYERS WILL NOT RETURN TO THEIR DRESSING ROOM AFTER THEIR GAME. EXCEPTIONS WILL OCCUR IF THERE IS NO GROUP ON THE ICE AFTER. RINK STAFF WILL TELL YOU IT'S OK TO LEAVE YOUR STUFF IN THE ROOM AND RETURN AFTER THE SKATE IF THIS APPLIES.**

- vii. At the designated ice entry area, players will leave their bags in a socially distanced fashion and enter the ice surface when told to do so.
- viii. At completion of their ice session, players will exit the ice through the door they are instructed to use by facility staff or signs, return to their bag, remove their helmet, and immediately put on their face covering.
- ix. Skates, helmet, gloves, jersey, elbow, shoulder pads, hockey pants, socks, and shin pads can then be removed. **NO FURTHER UNDRESSING IN THE FACILITY IS ALLOWED FOR ALL AGE LEVELS.**
- x. Players should immediately exit the building as directed by signs or facility staff.

13. SPECTATORS

- a. **ONLY ONE (1) SPECTATOR IS ALLOWED PER PARTICIPANT FOR ALL ACTIVITIES.**
 - i. Applies to all activities including games, practices, public sessions, skating lessons, public type sessions or other events.
 - ii. If childcare is a factor, a young child may accompany a parent or guardian, but the child must always remain with the parent/guardian.
 - iii. **LIVEBARN IS INSTALLED AT THE FACILITY TO VIEW GAMES.**
 - iv. **SPECTATORS MAY BE ASKED TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE FOOTPRINT OF THE BUILDING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE ON THE ICE TO ALLOW SAFE MOVEMENT WITHIN THE FACILITY. (Exception = young children needing help with skate tying. Once skates are tied and child is in the line-up area, the parent may be asked to exit the building until all participants are on the ice.)**
 - v. **IF REQUESTED BY STAFF, SPECTATORS WILL EXIT THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY.** Games will be considered complete at the final buzzer. (We need the space to move participants around the building.)
 - vi. Spectators will adhere to all posted signs.
 - vii. Spectators will practice social distancing at a minimum of 6-feet.
 - viii. If there is not adequate space for those wishing to watch, we reserve the right to ask any or all spectators to exit the facility or relocate.

14. NO SHARING OF WATER BOTTLES WILL BE ALLOWED. WATER BOTTLES SHOULD BE FILLED AT HOME, NOT AT RINK.

15. NO SPITTING ANYWHERE IN THE FACILITY IS ALLOWED. This is a no warning, zero tolerance rule. You will be asked to leave immediately regardless of your situation if you spit.

16. THERE IS ONLY TO BE TWO (2) PEOPLE IN THE SCOREBOX AT A TIME.

17. REFEREES MUST FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES.

- a. Come dressed to the fullest extent possible.
- b. Please do not linger in the provided changing room before, or after your assigned game(s).
- c. Arrive early enough to use the changing room while other referees are still on the ice, wait for the crew working the game before you to undress, or use a remote area way from others to lace-up your skates.
- d. Wear masks while on the ice as per state guidelines.

18. CONTRACTED ADULT ICE RENTAL GROUPS

- a. Follow ARRIVAL/ENTRY/EXITING procedures as outlined above or as directed by facility staff.
- b. All participants must leave the building immediately after their session has ended.
- c. All participants must sign a facility waiver for the season.

19. PUBLIC SESSIONS

- a. Procedures specified above for ARRIVING/ENTERING/EXITING the facility are applicable to public sessions such as Public Skating, Stick & Puck, Pond Hockey, and Fun Skate.

