

PEGULA ICE ARENA RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS

Pegula Ice Arena is excited to reopen for community programming and get people back on the ice! Pegula Ice Arena management has worked with university, government, and health and safety officials to be able to get you back on the ice in a safe manner, and will utilize a phased approach. New health and safety policies and procedures will be in effect. Players, parents, and coaches are required to follow our new guidelines. Once open, Pegula Ice Arena will remain open so long as Centre County remains in the green phase of Pennsylvania's reopening plan. We understand this is a lengthy email, but we ask everyone to please read all of it as it pertains directly to hockey players and coaches.

In the initial reopening phase the following programs will be offered: coffee club, freestyles, sticktimes, and private lessons. Private ice rentals for user groups only are available as well. A maximum of 25 people, including coaches, will be permitted onto the ice at one time. In an effort to be as touchless as possible, skaters are **REQUIRED** to pre-register for programming. No walk-in skaters will be permitted at this time. Registration for programming will open next week. An email will be sent to notify you when registration opens.

Rigorous cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting procedures are now in place. Employees will be disinfecting high touch areas between each ice session. All employees will be provided and wearing appropriate PPE during their shifts, as well as being temperature checked before each shift.

What to Expect When Attending a Program at Pegula Ice Arena

- To help with social distancing, we ask everyone enter and exit through Gate C.
- To help with social distancing, skaters are asked to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before their ice session. If skaters arrive more than 15 minutes prior to their ice session, they will be asked to stay in their cars. Do not be late to your ice session.
- Players are required to be fully dressed in hockey gear upon arrival – no locker rooms or changing areas will be available during this initial reopening phase.
- Facemasks covering your nose and mouth are required, except for when on the ice.
- No spectators – parents, fans, friends, etc.
 - Children 12 and under or those who need special assistance may be accompanied by one (1) parent, who will be required to sit in a designated area in the rink.
- Players will be provided hand sanitizer before checking in at the welcome desk.
- Upon checking in at the welcome desk, skaters and coaches will be:
 - Asked to verify registration by a Pegula team member and will be checked in on a tablet

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- Receive temperature check
 - Be assigned a skate lacing location/area.
- Players are to walk DIRECTLY to their assigned skate lacing area. No socializing, loitering, or wandering.
 - Once players arrive to their assigned location, they should begin putting on their skates.
- Players are to wait in their assigned area until they hear the buzzer.
- Once the buzzer sounds, players can line up socially distanced (6ft apart from others) and will be escorted to the ice.
 - Players are allowed to take off their face masks when the buzzer sounds
 - Players must leave all personal items in their assigned area that cannot be worn on their body while they are on the ice, except for water bottles. This includes skate guards.
 - Lockers will not be available during this initial reopening phase.
- When the session is over, players will hear another buzzer and will exit off the ice in a socially distanced manner and back to their assigned area to remove their skates.
- Players will have 15 minutes to get their skates off and leave Pegula Ice Arena.
- If a skater pays for a sticktime and is unable to make it as scheduled, it will be posted as a credit to their account for use at a future session.

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Players

- If you have a fever over 100.4, stay home.
- Must arrive fully dressed ready to put on skates and step onto the ice. No locker rooms or changing areas will be available during this initial reopening phase.
- Facemasks covering your nose and mouth are required, except when on the ice.
- Wash hands thoroughly and utilize hand sanitizing stations whenever possible.
- Bring your own water bottle, and do not share. Water fountains and vending machines will not be available, but water bottle refilling stations will be.
- Practice social distancing – stay 6ft apart from others.

Coaches

- If you have a fever over 100.4, stay home.
- Wash hands thoroughly and utilize hand sanitizing stations whenever possible.
- Facemasks covering your nose and mouth are required, including on the ice.
- Notify and reinforce the message that players and coaches need to observe physical distancing while on the ice.
 - Practice plans/drills should maintain social distancing on the ice.
 - Utilize non-contact drills.
- When leaving the ice, coaches should excuse players individually giving time for each player to get off the ice in a socially distanced manner. Coaches need to plan to leave an appropriate amount of time at the end of their ice session to complete the dismissal process.

Parents

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- Take your child's temperature before coming to the rink, stay home if there is a fever over 100.4.
- Pack your child a water bottle. Water fountains and vending machines will not be available, but water bottle refilling stations will be.
- Drop your children at the Gate C Community Rink Entrance. Pick-up will be at Gate C.
- 1 parent can accompany a child 12 and under or those who need special assistance.
 - Must wear a facemask at all times within the facility.
- No spectators (except for one parent who accompanies child 12 and under – must sit in designated area in the stands)

Our new policies and procedures are to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. We are working diligently to keep our skaters, customers, and employees safe while providing an enjoyable environment for players. As things continue to progress, these guidelines may change and will be posted on our website and social media pages. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pegula Ice Arena Management at PegulaIceArena@psu.edu. We are eager to serve our community and look forward to seeing you all again very soon. We appreciate your business very much.