

In accordance with guidelines and recommendations from various highly-respected experts in the recreational and medical industries, such as, USA Hockey, US Figure Skating, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Responsible RestartOhio, the city of Kent, and the KSU ice arena, protocols and procedures for attending Kent Cyclones events are below. These protocols and procedures are designed to provide a recreational outlet for youth to enjoy the game of ice hockey, while minimizing exposure to the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. These may be continually updated as new information and data are introduced and will be in place until further notice. These protocols and procedures will be in addition to any specific location requirements and are expected to be followed regardless of which facility a member of the Kent Cyclones attends. Additional requirements may exist at other facilities and are also expected to be followed. The Kent Cyclones takes the health of players, their guardians, and the facilities staff very seriously. The below safety requirements are considered supplemental to the Cyclones Code of Conduct and are incorporated therein by reference. Failure to follow these requirements may result in removal from the Cyclones program per our disciplinary process. We will continue to follow and adhere to the instructions, guidance, and Orders provided by our health agencies, until they are lifted. We expect this approach to go in phases. Please check back weekly for potential updates.

Kent Cyclones Participant/Guardian Supplemental COVID-19 Safety Requirements

Attendees:

- Anyone entering any event facility must have completed the *Kent Cyclones Daily Self-Check Verification Requirements During COVID-19 Pandemic* before attending any Cyclones event (attached at this end of this update, and posted on website). In addition:
 - If you have a weakened immune system or are living with or caring for someone who is considered vulnerable, we recommend that you please stay home.
 - The State of Ohio recommends that people take precautions while traveling and quarantine for 14 days after returning from various locations. For details visit: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/covid-19-travel-advisory/covid-19-travel-advisory> We expect you to follow these guidelines if travelling to any of these areas.
 - We are asking any participant or guardian who learns they have, or may have had COVID-19, or been in contact with someone who has, or may have had COVID-19 to self-report to our VP of Coaching and Team Affairs, Brian Cooper at cyclonesvpcta@hotmail.com, cell (330) 506-9955, or to our President, Brandon Grote at cyclonespresident@hotmail.com, cell (216) 650-1161.
- All participants and guardians must practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from other people not in your group while entering, exiting, and attending events. Do not congregate at any time. Player exceptions will occur during routine practice drills and game play only while on the ice.
- The State of Ohio, The City of Kent, and various local ice arenas require all patrons to wear masks while on their premises. Exemptions by location may be possible for those who have a medical condition that precludes them from wearing a mask (including children under the age of 2 years per CDC guidance).
- All attendees to a Cyclones event must wear face coverings at all event facilities, including players when entering and exiting the facility, and coaches while on the bench or playing surface. Players are not required to wear masks when actively engaged in workouts and competition that prevent the wearing of masks, or where doing so jeopardizes their health.
- Nonessential visitors and spectators should not enter any event facility.

- Parents/guardians should refrain from entering the facility. Participants should be dropped off and picked up whenever possible. Only one parent/guardian per player should enter and remain, per event, and must wear a mask and practice social distancing. Additional non-skating siblings and/or family or friends are not permitted in attendance at facilities at this time to abide by occupancy limits and social distancing orders. When siblings are approved to be present during a player's event, they shall always remain at their guardians' side, wear masks, and social distance from others outside their group.
- It shall be acceptable for a team manager, or appointed team volunteer to place a webcam to record or live stream practices and/or games, provided it is in accordance with the facility and events governing league rules for that event. Spectators are encouraged to watch Cyclones events outside the facilities, preferably at their home when these services are provided.
- Follow all posted signage at any facility.
- Arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to your activity start time and do your best to leave within 15 minutes of the event end time.
- Expect limited capacity and availability of locker rooms, and capacity to be posted outside of each locker room. Expect locker room bathrooms and showers to be closed. As a result:
 - We ask that participants arrive fully dressed for their activity whenever possible. If a changing facility is required, it is the responsibility of the players guardian to monitor the changing area. Only use facility provided changing stations, and never change in an open public place. Until further notice, coaches and team managers will not be monitoring within a changing area to limit potential exposure.
 - Leave your equipment bags at home or use a much smaller bag to carry only helmets, mouth guards, neck guards, skates, and gloves. It is recommended that all other equipment be worn to and from facilities until further notice. **Goalie exception:** we expect that you will always have access to a proper changing area before each event. Please wear as much as you can to reduce the amount of time required in a changing space.
- There will be no loaning of uniforms or equipment. Jerseys and hockey socks are the only part of the Cyclones uniforms that are permitted to be missing when entering the ice for practice. If any other piece of required equipment is missing, it is expected that the player will not be on the ice, and will immediately leave the facility, not returning until all required equipment is present. Jerseys and hockey socks will be required for all tryouts, scrimmages, and games. There will not be access to additional materials prior to a Cyclones event. **Goalie exception:** We may loan out goalie specific gear to a participant at times. It will be expected to be sanitized before returning it to the Cyclones. The Cyclones will re-sanitize it before issuing it to any other player.
- A water bottle is highly recommended for an individual at practice to remain hydrated. No group water bottles will be permitted. A water bottle is considered part of a player's uniform and it is their sole responsibility to carry and use one. They must be clearly identifiable to reduce the chance of player cross usage and should be filled prior to arriving at the rink. Facilities may not have water fountains and water bottle fillers available.
- Hockey helmet cage vs. a face shield. USA Hockey has published guidance [here](#). At publication, there is no scientific proof that a full clear shield on a hockey helmet provides any better protection against infectious diseases as compared to a half shield or cage. It should also be noted that a clear shield will not prevent the inhalation of aerosolized droplets. The Kent Cyclones are following this publication and recommending (not requiring) usage of a full shield in place of a cage as a potential added defense.

Coaches:

- Coaches will go through a specialized training online this year prior to being on the ice with their assigned teams.
- Coaches and volunteers may approach a participant and ask them to leave if they witness any potential COVID-19 symptoms. Please be respectful of that decision and remove your player from the premises. Do not return to any Cyclones event without following appropriate guidelines.
- Only Cyclones team issued equipment such as pucks, or rink supplied items such as nets will be permitted during practice unless provided by a team coach.
- Cyclones coaches will be required to bring their team specific Cyclones issued materials to all practices including pucks, cones, waterproof & dry erase markers, first aid kits, and helmet repair kits. They will also be issued unique game specific pucks for the season to only be used during official USA Hockey sanctioned games.
- Additional optional dryland practice times may be offered by any Cyclones coach. These are to be optional and shall follow all applicable rules and guidelines with recommendations that they occur in outdoor environments, weather permitting, and utilize effective participant distancing of 6ft minimum.

Facilities & Services:

- There may be limits imposed to the number of participants on the ice. To stay under rink approved capacity guideline, the Cyclones will plan accordingly.
- Expect entrances to facilities to be directional, and the flow in and out of the buildings to be directional to maintain appropriate distancing.
- Expect some facilities to have a “check in” procedure to assist with Contact Tracing. We expect everyone to take part in these procedures, and where possible, to do so online prior to attending the event. In addition, we ask that anyone in or connected to our program who tests positive to notify your team manager, or a board member. We will appropriately use that information to notify anyone who may have been in contact with them based on the information provided by the person self-reporting.
- Do not expect skate sharpening services for same-day return. Expect to drop off and collect approx. 24 hours later.
- Expect that some facilities may require additional temperature checks at the facility in addition to the Cyclones self-check verification requirements.
- Expect limited to no food or concession stands at various facilities. It may also not be permissible to bring in outside food or beverage, with water as an exception. Follow all posted food and beverage rules for each facility.
- Expect lost and founds to not be available at most locations. If you lost something of significant value, check with the skate counter, otherwise assume it was disposed of.
- No parent or player shall be using any rink scoreboard, time clock, etc. without proper approval from rink staff.

Kent Cyclones, Daily Event Self-Check Verification Requirements During COVID-19 Pandemic

The safety of our players, their families, the staff at the facilities we attend, and our opponents remain our number one priority during this global pandemic. To help protect all of us: Cyclones players, guardians, siblings, and their guests MUST verify the following below before reporting to ANY Kent Cyclones activity.

- 1) You or anyone in your household, have NOT been advised by a medical provider, or other authority to be in quarantine at this time.
- 2) You or anyone in your household, have not been ill with ANY COVID-19 symptoms per the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) in the last 24 hours AND more than 10 days have passed since the onset of any of these symptoms.

If you, or anyone in your household, are uncertain whether you are ill with a COVID-19 symptom, please consult with a medic professional prior to attending any event.

- 3) You or anyone in your household, are NOT waiting for a COVID-19 test or COVID-19 test results, and you have not had close contact with or cared for someone waiting for a COVID-19 test or COVID-19 test results.
- 4) You or anyone in your household, have NOT had close contact with or cared for someone diagnose with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- 5) Within the last 14 days, you or anyone in your household, have NOT traveled internationally or returned from a cruise, and you have NOT had close contact with anyone who has.
- 6) You or anyone in your household are NOT attending this day's events after being ill with COVID-19 (assumed or confirmed) without a release from a medical provider.

By attending this Cyclones event, you are confirming that ALL the statements are true for yourself, and anyone in your household. If ANY of these statements are not true, immediately leave the event, and call our Vice President of Coaching and Team Affairs, Brian Cooper, at (330) 506-9955

Note: As this situation evolves, the Kent Cyclones will continue to monitor and may periodically update procedures based on current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), applicable laws and governmental guidance, USA Hockey, and/or participating ice rink authorities.