

GREATER BATTLE CREEK ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

COVID-19 Response Statement 2020-2021 Season

The GBCIHA and it's members will adhere to the following COVID-19 protocols as outlined in both Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders 175, 176, and 180, as well as the MAHA Return to Play Standards.

****Players, coaches, volunteers, parents, and spectators must sign the risk notification statement of release as provided by The Rink before entering the facility for the first time during the 2020-21 hockey season.**

FACILITY PROCEDURES

1. Any person exhibiting signs or symptoms of an illness SHOULD NOT be in the facility at any point.
2. All persons entering The Rink will be required to wear a facial covering. ****Please see the revised "[MAHA - Return to Play Guidelines](#)" for approved facial coverings.**
3. Spectators will be asked to maintain social distancing in the stands and remain clear of the lobby area.

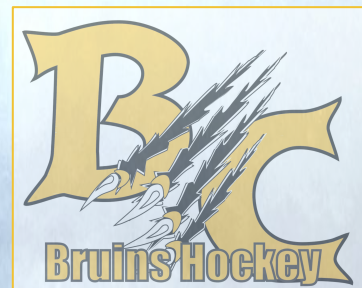


4. All persons must sign in and out of The Rink before and after every practice and/or game. This will assist the GBCIHA and The Rink in contact tracing, should it be necessary
5. There will be no locker room availability at this time. Players will be asked to dress ahead of time and will be allowed to sit in the lobby to tie skates ONLY while maintaining social distancing.
6. Spectators will be asked to maintain social distancing in the stands and remain clear of the lobby area.
7. All persons entering The Rink will abide by the entering and exiting protocols as set forth by The Rink.
8. Only two spectators per athlete will be allowed in The Rink. This includes smaller children. Any skater arriving with more than two people may take the ice, but the accompanying persons will be asked to remain in their vehicle.

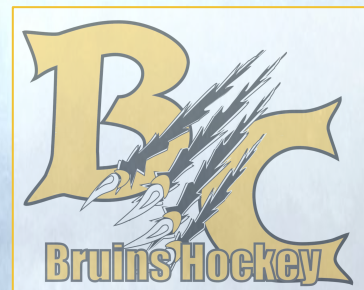


COVID-19 RESPONSE

1. Any persons and/or members of their respective households who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must NOT enter The Rink or participate in any game or practice for a minimum of 10 days since the first appearance of symptoms.
2. Any persons and/or members of their respective households awaiting results from a COVID 19 test MUST NOT be in the facility until a negative test result has been confirmed. Team managers MUST be notified if a player and or family member is being tested for COVID 19.
3. **If a positive test is confirmed in the household:**
 - a. Confidentiality of the individual will be maintained.
 - b. Contact must be made immediately with the team manager. The team manager will contact The Rink liaison, Rhonda Smart, who will make the necessary contact tracing calls according to the CDC guidelines and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines.

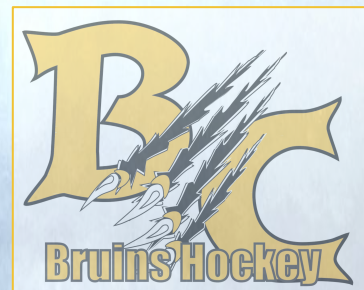


- c. Teams or players that shared ice sessions with the player over the previous 14 days will be notified.
- d. Any opponents or teams scheduled to practice or compete with the player's team over the upcoming 14 days will be notified.
- e. Team activities will be paused until appropriate contact tracing, reporting to all applicable parties, and consultation with local health officials on next steps has been achieved. This includes any out-of-town tournaments or events that may occur within this time frame.
- f. Teams will not be penalized in league standings for forfeiting games due to COVID-19 concerns, however, no ice reimbursements will be granted.
- g. The affected person MUST obtain a negative test result before returning to The Rink, or participate in any game or practice.



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

1. Players, coaches, and on-ice volunteers are required to wear facial coverings when entering and exiting The Rink, while in common areas of The Rink, and during on-ice participation (in addition to their hockey face mask).
2. Any other persons must also wear facial coverings at all times while inside The Rink.
3. Each player will be responsible for bringing their own water bottle, which **MUST** be clearly marked with their name. Bringing a spare mask is highly recommended as they will likely get wet.
4. Players should clean and disinfect gear after each use.
5. According to the MAHA guidelines, any observed violation of facial covering protocols by a team will result in an immediate 3-game summary suspension for the head coach, assessed by MAHA. Individual suspensions will also be instituted for non-compliance of facial covering protocols. Associations whose member(s) is(are) found in violation, will receive one warning. Additional violations within the association will result in immediate disciplinary action by MAHA.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We encourage you to visit the following sites often for more up-to-date information:

LOCAL RESOURCES - COVID-19

[Calhoun County Public Health Department](#)
[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[State of Michigan – COVID-19 Updates](#)
[Michigan Department of Health & Human Services](#)

ICE HOCKEY - NEWS AND UPDATES

[USA Hockey](#)
[Michigan Amateur Hockey Association](#)
[Michigan High School Athletic Association](#)

