



**Syracuse Youth Hockey Association:**

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**The NYS Fair Coliseum Arena Health and Safety Protocols:**

The Syracuse Youth Hockey Association and the New York State Fairgrounds management are working together to provide a safe and healthy environment for all players and families at the Coliseum and must adhere to all New York State Department of Health regulations

Indoor sports or recreational activity, capacity is limited to no more than 50% of the maximum occupancy for a particular area as set by the certificate of occupancy and department of health

Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks must be worn at all times by everyone that cover both the mouth and nose

Spectators must distance of at least six feet and must be maintained at all times at events

Arena spectators are limited to no more than two spectators per player. Interscholastic events can limit the number of spectators to their league standards for scheduled practices and games

Each player, coach, and parent will be check in using our **BLAZERS HEALTH SCREENING FORM**  
The QR code is provided on our posters and paper copy is also available at the front sign in table

Visitors must follow all signs throughout the arena, consistent with DOH COVID-19 guidelines

Participants may not enter the facility more than 30 minutes prior to their scheduled event  
No Hockey Bags are allowed in the building at this time. Players must come in dressed except for skates

Coaches must wear a face mask including on ice except when speaking or demonstrating drills

Teams will enter and exit the building following a one way traffic pattern designated by signage

Locker Room occupancy will be limited and hallways will be used until DOH lifts building restrictions

Rink bleachers are open to patrons, everyone must physically distance 6 feet apart in designated areas

Public restrooms are open, but drinking fountains will remain off and players must bring water bottles

Children must be supervised in the building at all times and should remaining is designated areas

Respect the health and safety policies outlined by our Association and the DOH regulations

The Syracuse Youth Hockey Association will clean and disinfect all hallway benches and locker rooms after each team uses them. In addition, our association will regularly disinfect areas that are frequented by visitors to the rink. Sanitizing stations are available throughout the rink.

### **Coaches and Managers Responsibilities:**

Our coaches and managers will have the most direct contact with players and families throughout the season. Therefore, we are asking all coaches and managers to help ensure compliance of COVID-19 health screening and safety policies among their teams. If Syracuse Blazers players and families do not comply with rink policies and good COVID-19 risk mitigation practices, then they may be jeopardizing the safety of our organization's participants and potentially the completion of a full season of hockey.

### **Managing Arena Positive Cases of COVID-19:**

While we are all taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we have to expect cases to occur among players or family members within the Syracuse Youth Hockey organization and Coliseum. If a player tests positive for COVID-19, we encourage the family to contact High School Hockey Rink Rep Sean Brown the Covid-19 Risk Mitigation Designee at ([sbrown23@twcny.rr.com](mailto:sbrown23@twcny.rr.com)) 315-447-0285 or Blazers President Tony Bird ([blazers9612@yahoo.com](mailto:blazers9612@yahoo.com)) 315-559-3366 to report the confirmed case. Information shared with any member of the Syracuse Youth Hockey board will remain confidential. When there is a COVID-19 confirmed case, the County Health Department will take the lead on isolation/quarantine and release of the person(s) affected.

**\*These guidelines are subject to change pending new guidance from New York State or new directives from USA Hockey.**