

2021/2022 Milwaukee Winter Club Covid-19 Protocols

Sept 18th, 2021

With the hockey season soon approaching here are the Covid-19 protocols that we will have in place for the start of the season.

Masking

- All **players and coaches** MUST wear masks while in any building we play or practice in. This includes all arenas that we attend for practices and or games. This is regardless of vaccination status. Masks will not be required on ice but are encouraged and recommended.
- All **spectators/visitors** to any ice rink must follow the rink/building rules that you are attending. It is highly encouraged that you always wear a mask indoors. Milwaukee and the surrounding areas are a high spread Covid-19 area and indoor masking regardless of vaccination status is recommended by the CDC to prevent the spread and transmission of Covid-19.
- Mask will not be required for on-ice activities but are highly encouraged. On ice mask wearing will not be enforced unless the rink we are visiting requires it.
- All coaches will wear masks while on the bench coaching a Winter Club team. This is for home and away games.
- It is recommended that all Winter Club players wear a mask for games that they can put over the nose and mouth while on the bench.
- There is an exemption from quarantine for indoor classroom settings. If an individual, while wearing a well-fitted face mask, was determined to be in close contact (3 to 6 feet for 15 or more total minutes) of another individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and was also wearing a well-fitted face mask, the first individual does not need to quarantine and can continue to come to school, but must wear a face mask for 14 days and monitor for possible COVID-19 symptoms. This individual also does not have to test for COVID-19 unless otherwise directed to do so by the health department or a medical professional.

Positive Cases

- Any Player or Coach that has tested positive must immediately notify Kevin Bendickson at kbendickson@sbcglobal.net or (414)732-8364. If you make contact via email, please leave a contact number.
- We will notify any team that has a positive case where an exposure may have occurred. This notification will have directions to monitor your player/coach for symptoms of Covid-19. If you receive a CLOSE CONTACT notification this will require a quarantine for anyone that is unvaccinated, and directions will be included within the notification.
- Any player/coach that is identified as a close contact will need to follow quarantine protocols.
- If a player or coach has been vaccinated and is a close contact and symptom free, they will not need to quarantine. If a vaccinated player/coach becomes symptomatic they will need to contact Kevin Bendickson and follow testing/quarantine protocols.
- If a player/coach is identified as a close contact to a positive case and are unvaccinated you will be required to quarantine away from MWC activities You will be able to return to activities after taking a Covid-19 test and have a negative result after 5 days. If the test is negative and you are

symptom free you will be able to return on day 7, after talking to Kevin Bendickson. **If you meet the quarantine exemptions below you will not need to quarantine.**

Other Protocols and Information

- Statistically on ice play during practices or games results in less than 7 minutes of exposure time, thus if players are wearing masks on the bench, there is less worry about exposure.
- We will not be reviewing video of games this year. We will be relying on coaches for line information to determine close contacts during games.
- If any player/coach/visitor/spectator is feeling ill or symptomatic regardless of vaccination status STAY HOME and GET TESTED. Please do your part to keep our Hockey Community healthy and playing hockey.
- Our goal is to do our best to have a complete season and keep all our players and coaches on the ice.
- Locker rooms will be available, follow social distance guidelines and mask are required.
- Water Bottles will not be provided. All players must bring their own.
- It will not be required to pre-dress this year.

Quarantine Exemptions- There are some exemptions from needing to quarantine if you were identified as close contact to a positive individual. This is in line with USM policy, as well as health department recommendations. This will remain fluid and could change.

- Any fully vaccinated individual will not need to quarantine regardless of face coverings.
- If an individual while properly wearing an acceptable face covering was determined to be a close contact of another individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and that individual was also wearing an acceptable face covering properly, the individual that was a close contact will not need to quarantine. However, they will be required to wear a face covering on and off the ice for 14 days while also monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19. No test will be required of the close contact individual; however, it is still recommended that you get a test 5 days after close contact.

If your player/coach are wearing a mask and or are vaccinated you will have less risk of quarantine when a close contact exposure situation may occur.

Updated: June 21, 2021

USM Uihlein Ice Arena COVID-19 Expectations and Guidelines for use-MWC policies will be in accordance or supersede rink protocols.

Spectators are allowed.

Indoor Mask requirements:

- Masks are recommended but not mandatory. **MWC POLICY SUPERSEDES**
- All visitors must maintain appropriate social distance. **MWC POLICY SUPERSEDES**

Locker Rooms: Locker rooms will be allowed. Please use marked seating to maintain distance, no showers

Water: Water Fountain accessible for bottle fill only – Must have own water bottle (must be labeled)

Concessions: Open based on availability

Transitions: 15 minutes between groups on the Ice (Zamboni loops happen now)

Cleaning Plan/Custodial Needs

1. Arena Director/Rink Staff will set up cleaning documentation to track
 - a. Staff will be required to initial sheet when tasks are complete
 - b. List will be kept in office
2. Rink attendant will clean the following during sessions
 - a. Wipe down of tables
 - b. Door handles to ice/lobby/rink/bathroom
 - c. Wipe down benches
 - d. Pick up as needed
3. USM Custodial will need to come in nightly and do a thorough cleaning of the rink
 - a. Bathrooms
 - b. Garbage
 - c. Lobby
 - d. Access Door and Entry Areas