

## SFYHA COVID-19 Return to Play Guidelines

- Any players, coaches or spectators exhibiting symptoms or signs of an illness should not be at Scheels IcePlex or at any other SFYHA function until their symptoms resolve.
- Participants should utilize the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) COVID-19 Participant/Coach Monitoring Form to screen themselves prior to any on-ice activity.
- Players should enter the IcePlex no earlier than 20 minutes prior to any scheduled ice time.
- Squirt age players and younger (2010 birthyear and younger) should dress from home. Players may put on gloves, helmets and skates at the IcePlex upon arrival. Goalies are the only exception.
- PeeWee age players and older (2009 birthyear and older) must limit time in locker room to 15 minutes prior to and immediately following practices and games.
- All visitors to Scheels IcePlex must wear cloth or medical grade masks at all times when their helmets are not on.
- Players should vacate the IcePlex immediately following any scheduled activity.
- For Squirt age players and younger (2010 birthyear and younger), only one parent/guardian should remain in the IcePlex for the duration of practice. If absolutely necessary, siblings of players requiring supervision can remain with parents in the IcePlex during practice.
- For PeeWee age players and older (2009 birthyear and older), parents must drop off players for practice and should not stay to observe practice.
- Coaches and team managers are encouraged to use Zoom, Skype, etc. to hold any parent/team meetings that will last more than 15 minutes.
- Attendees must wear masks for any in-person team meeting.
- Avoid sitting large groups of players on benches during practices.
- During games, all DIBS volunteers at scorers table **MUST** wear masks. The scoreboard panel, laptops computers and desk should be sanitized after every game.
- No sharing of water bottles or any other equipment.
- No pre or post game handshakes.
- No buses for high school travel trips. Recommend carpools with max of three players per vehicle. Players shall not drive to or from out of town games unless accompanied by a parent or parent designee.

- All game spectators will observe IcePlex rules for social distancing.

#### SFYHA Management of COVID-19 Positive Cases

- No player, coach, parent or sibling should enter the IcePlex if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough with difficulty breathing, unexplained sore throat, unexplained diarrhea/vomiting/abdominal pain, severe headache, loss of taste or smell).
- Inform Cherry Hunter ([cherry.hunter@sfflyers.com](mailto:cherry.hunter@sfflyers.com)) immediately when a player, coach or other team personnel tests positive, somebody in a player's household has tested positive or when a player or coach has been exposed to somebody confirmed to have COVID-19.
- If a player or coach tests positive for COVID-19, SFYHA will review the case and may impose additional safety measures on the team including enhanced screening procedures or even temporary suspension of all activity. Furthermore, if identified as a close contact by South Dakota Department of Health, any player or coach must follow all quarantine instructions set forth.
- Any confirmed positive COVID-19 case must have SDHSSA return to play form completed prior to return to activities
- SFYHA leadership will notify all teammates and coaches when a player on that team has tested positive, but SFYHA will keep the individual's identity anonymous. All information will be treated in compliance with HIPAA.
- SFYHA leadership will notify the entire association when a player or coach tests positive for COVID-19 but the individual's identity will remain anonymous. All information will be treated in compliance with HIPAA.

#### References:

- CDC "Considerations for Youth Sports"  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
- South Dakota Department of Health COVID-19 Resource  
<https://doh.sd.gov/news/coronavirus.aspx>
- South Dakota High School Activities Association COVID-19 Information  
<https://www.sdhsaa.com/Athletics/Health-Safety-Issues/COVID>
- USA Hockey COVID-19 Resources  
<https://www.usahockey.com/playersafety>
- Minnesota Hockey Return to Play Guidelines  
[https://www.minnesotahockey.org/news\\_article/show/1106353](https://www.minnesotahockey.org/news_article/show/1106353)