

Brett Memorial Ice Arena Covid 19 Mitigation Plan

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I. Purpose:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following mitigation plan was put into effect Wednesday May 20th 2020, by the Matanuska Susitna Borough for operations of the Brett Memorial Ice Arena and revised as of October 22, 2020.

II. Operations and Social Distancing:

- All patrons are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and following all ice arena rules including this mitigation plan.
- Persons with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not be on the premises.
- Limited On-ice participants - Due to limited changing area the number of on-ice participants per ice session will be determined depending on the activity and ice schedule to allow for overlap of participants from one event to the next event. SEE THE LIST OF INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES IN SECTION V FOR DETAILS.
- Limited Observers - The number of observers for each event will be limited to two (2) observers per on-ice participant.
- On-ice Participants and Observers may enter the facility no more than 30 minutes before their skating session begins and must exit the facility within 30 minutes after their skating session ends. Due to the limited space, observers are encourage to limit their time in the facility before and after their event as much as possible.
- Minors 12 and under need to be under the immediate supervision of a parent or guardian at all times. We ask that siblings not come to observe unless necessary.
- Changing areas for on-ice participants will include a combination of locker rooms, party rooms and chairs located outside the locker rooms.
- Locker rooms and party rooms will have signage indicating the maximum number of people allowed inside at one time.
- Locker room showers are available as long as participants exit the facility within 30 minutes of the end of their event.
- No persons shall enter the player bench areas while they are closed for cleaning/sanitizing.
- Private rental groups including youth hockey teams shall have a responsible adult on-site to ensure their on-ice participants and observers follow all ice arena rules including this mitigation plan.
- Reservations are available and recommended. (See Section V for details of activities.)
- If possible, when not exercising, social distancing of 6-foot by non-household members should be maintained.
- Patrons are encouraged to wear a face mask when not exercising, but not required.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the facility.
- All patrons should AVOID congregating inside the facility in the player benches, seating areas, entry way and other common areas.

- Skate Sharpening – skates will be dropped off and sanitized before sharpening with a minimum turn around of 8 hours or longer if needed.
- NO birthday parties or meetings until further notice.

III. Cleaning:

- Restrooms will be open, cleaned daily and sanitized as needed depending on use.
- Water fountains and vending machines will be available and sanitized as needed depending on use.
- Player benches will be sanitized between activities or as needed depending on use.
- Bleachers will be sanitized daily.
- Hand Sanitizer dispensers will be available throughout the facility.
- Touch-point sanitization (e.g., workstations, equipment, screens, and doorknobs) throughout the facility will occur as needed depending on use.
- Locker rooms and party rooms will be sanitized between activities or as needed depending on use.

IV. Employees:

- No employee displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may provide services to customers.
- Symptomatic or ill employees may not report to work.
- No employee may report to the work site within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
- All employees will familiarize themselves with and follow the Matanuska-Susitna Borough COVID-19 Exposure Prevention, Preparedness and Response Plan dated 5-19-2020.

V. Activities Available at this Time:

1. Public Skate.

- On-ice participants limited to 40
- Observers limited to 2 per on-ice participant
- Reservations are highly recommended and can be made up to 48 hours ahead of the day you wish to skate. This is to avoid lines and keep the lobby clear. Parent/guardian may reserve space for up to 6 household members. You may call the Brett Memorial Ice Arena to make a reservation at (907)861-7690.

2. Freestyle (public figure skating.)

- On-ice participants limited to 25
- Observers limited to 2 per on-ice participant
- Reservations are highly recommended and can be made up to 48 hours ahead of the day you wish to skate. This is to avoid lines and keep the lobby clear. Parent/guardian may reserve space for up to 6 household members. You may call the Brett Memorial Ice Arena to make a reservation at (907)861-7690.

3. Stick Time (public hockey skating with stick and puck.)

- On-ice participants limited to 25
- Observers limited to 2 per on-ice participant
- No Scrimmaging is allowed during Public Stick times.
- Public Stick times will be for passing, shooting, stick handling and skating practice.
- Helmet and gloves required.
- Reservations are highly recommended and can be made up to 48 hours ahead of the day you wish to skate. This is to avoid lines and keep the lobby clear. Parent/guardian may reserve space for up to 6 household members. You may call the Brett Memorial Ice Arena to make a reservation at (907)861-7690.

4. Learn to Skate classes

- On-ice Participants limited to 30 students plus instructors
- Observers limited to 2 per on-ice participant
- Classes will only be offered to those who can already move unassisted on the ice so that instructors can keep their social distance from students.
- Individual instruction is also available during Freestyle ice times for skaters who can move unassisted on the ice.
- For more information contact the Program Facilitator at 907-861-7693.

5. Private Ice Rentals

- On-ice participants limited to 40 skaters plus either 4 coaches/adult chaperones or 4 referees
- Observers limited to 2 per on-ice participant
- Private rentals shall have a single point of contact for all communications including but not limited to scheduling, cancellations, facility rules and emergencies.
- Private rental permittee is responsible for ensuring all their participants and observers know and follow all facility rules including this mitigation plan.
- Private rental permittee or their designee (designee may be a responsible adult such as a coach, team manager, board member, teacher or athletic director) shall be onsite during their event to ensure their participants and observers follow all facility rules including this mitigation plan.
- Locker room use and space is limited. Each private rental will be assigned a changing area that may be a combination of locker rooms, party rooms and chairs outside the locker rooms. Use only the areas you are provided. Sanitation will occur in these areas between each use.
- For reservations please contact the ice arena manager at 907-861-7692.

6. Public Hockey.

- On-ice participants limited to 24 players and 2 goalies
- Observers limited to 2 per on-ice participant
- Helmet, gloves, elbow pads and shin guards are required. A full complement of protective hockey gear as described in USA Hockey RULE 304, including but not limited to a hockey helmet, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hockey gloves, padded hockey pants, protective cup, and shin guards is highly recommended.
- Reservations are highly recommended and can be made up to 48 hours ahead of the day you wish to skate. This is to avoid lines and keep the lobby clear. Parent/guardian may reserve space for up to 6 household members. You may call the Brett Memorial Ice Arena to make a reservation at (907)861-7690.

7. Valley Adult Hockey League.

- On-ice participants limited to 40 skaters plus 4 referees
- Observers limited to 2 per on-ice participant
- All players must follow ASHA and USA Hockey COVID policies in addition to the Brett Memorial Ice Arena COVID 19 mitigation plan.
- Interested players may call (907)861-7690 for more information.

VI. Definitions:

- Guardian – A legally responsible person such as a grandparent, older sibling, coach, athletics director, team manager, etc.
- On-ice participant – Any person taking part in an on-ice activity (ie. anyone wearing ice skates for example a hockey player, figure skater, coach, official, chaperone, etc.)
- Patrons – All persons that enter the facility.
- Scrimmaging – Any on ice activities that represents a hockey game.
- Observer- Any person in the facility that is not an on-ice participant or employee.