



Its heating up outside but things are really cooling off at FMC ice rinks! As we prepare for the first rink opening at the Cronin Rink in Revere on Monday, we want to take a minute to let you know what to expect when you get back to the rink.

Things will look and feel a bit different as we institute new practices to keep you and your loved ones safe and protect our community from the spread of Covid-19. Please review the following guidelines before you return to the rink.

Phase 2 Guidelines: 1. **ONLY** supervised youth programs are allowed to use the rink. No one 18 or older is allowed to participate aside from coaches / instructors / supervisors.

2. Health screening will be required (questionnaire for participants and employees as well as temperature check for employees). **The questionnaire / waiver should be completed online prior to coming to the rink and can be found online [here](#).**

3. Face coverings **MUST** be worn by everyone at all times on the premises with the exception of participants **ON THE ICE** when not reasonable and social distance (6') can be assured.

4. Social distancing (6' separation) must be maintained at all times (6' possible by staff, participants and spectators, even on the ice and in the parking lot.

5. Where possible, only one parent/guardian/chaperone should accompany the youth participant. We request that the parent or guardian return to their vehicle or outdoor space (distanced) when possible during the session but if spectating you must maintain social distance using the floor markers along the dasher boards. Bleachers and lobby will be closed for congregating. If the limited spectator space is filled you will be asked to wait outside the facility. **AT NO TIME SHOULD A PARENT/GUARDIAN/CHAPERONE COME TO THE RINK IF THEY EXHIBIT ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS – [SEE CDC SYMPTOM GUIDANCE!](#)**

6. Individuals (participants, coaches, instructors, spectators, staff) who are in high risk categories (as defined by CDC) should **NOT** come to the rink.

7. No games, competitions or scrimmages are allowed under any circumstances – only practice, skills development and training are permitted. No officials or timers are allowed and the scoreclock cannot be used.

8. Avoid getting closer than 6' or contact with other participants, spectators or employees to the greatest extent possible.

9. No off-ice training, workout areas or "dry-land" is allowed.

10. Do not arrive to the rink earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of your session and do not enter the rink until 5 minutes prior to the start of your session, leave the rink IMMEDIATELY after your session to minimize contact with the group before and after you.

11. When parking please try to leave an open space on both sides of your vehicle for distancing and to allow participants to finish dressing if needed.

12. No team rooms or private changing areas will be used, **come to the rink ready to participate.** Seating groups will be available inside the rink space to put skates on if needed.

13. Participants on the ice must be in cohorts (groups) of NO MORE THAN 12 (just increased from 10), including coaches/instructors/supervisors. Multiple Cohorts may use the same sheet of ice but each cohort must be separated by at least 20'. No movement between cohorts is allowed.

14. No public water fountain or bottle fill will be provided, participants and spectators should bring their own water bottles or purchase in the rink vending machines.

15. No sharing of water bottles or equipment, bring and use your own.

16. The snack bar and skate shop will be closed but the vending machines will be available.

17. Designated entrance (right front door) and exit (left front door) will be created with floor markings to ensure safely distanced walkways will be created. Come into the rink through the right entrance door and follow the markers to the ice gate or cohort seating. When leaving, follow the markers to the left entrance doors and exit, going immediately to your vehicle (no loitering please).

18. Please sanitize your hands at the entrance and exit of the building as well as when entering or existing the ice surface. Alcohol based sanitizer will be available.

19. Restrooms will be available for participants, spectators and staff only with occupancy limited to 2 persons at a time and posted at the entrance to the rooms (every other stall or fixture will be closed off) to ensure distancing. The restrooms will not be open to the public nor will the public be allowed to enter and spectate. Aerosol sanitizer will be available at each toilet, please sanitize the seat prior to use as an extra measure to prevent any potential spread.

20. Sanitation protocols will be implemented in all common areas with even greater attention to touch points (handles, knobs, fixtures, benches, vending machines) and high use areas (benches, lobby, restrooms). Electrostatic fogger sanitizers will be used after every session to ensure surfaces are sanitary and any virus / germs are eliminated. Learn more about the fogger [here](#).

21. Offices and all private areas will be off-limits to all but staff including meeting/activity rooms.

Organizers and ice renters please review your responsibilities [here](#).

We will soon be opening more FMC locations as we ramp up to full opening over the course of the summer:

- Raynham IcePlex - Monday, June 29
- **Pirelli Veterans Arena, Franklin - Monday, July 6**
- **Armstrong Arena, Plymouth - Monday, July 6**
- **Aleixo Arena, Taunton - Monday, July 6**
- **Buffone Arena, Worcester - Monday, July 6**
- **Burlington Ice Palace - Monday, July 6**
- **William L. Chase Arena, Natick - Monday, July 6**
- **Jim Roche Community Arena, West Roxbury - Monday, July 6**
- **Porrazzo Arena, East Boston - Tuesday, July 14**

***All rinks in bold above will reopen only if phase 3 of Reopening Massachusetts has been instituted.**

We realize this “new world” will take some time to get used to and only ask that you do your very best to fully comply with these guidelines while we battle the Covid-19 pandemic together to limit its impact on our families and community. Phase 3 will likely bring a loosening up of some of these restrictions, but the key requirements of distancing, face coverings and increased personal hygiene / facility sanitizing will be with us until this virus is controlled. Some of these new practices will stay with us forever in our “new normal” as we gain understanding of the health threats in today’s world.

We are looking forward to seeing you back at the rink and know we can count on your support in following these protocols. Working together we can safely and responsibly get back on the ice and return to our ice sports community with confidence!