



# NILES ICELAND

## RETURN TO ICE HOCKEY GUIDELINES SUMMER 2020 AS OF 8/15/20

**We are excited to get back to the ice with our players. While this process will be new, we are happy to have your support and cooperation. Please take time to read through all of our current policies and procedures to make our rink safe.**



- We are limited to 20 players on each side of the ice.
- We are utilizing contactless registration for hockey classes. Please email your registration form and COVID waiver to the Hockey Director at [alex@niles-parks.org](mailto:alex@niles-parks.org)
  - During Registration, if you don't feel comfortable putting your credit card number on the registration form, please call the IceLand Front Desk at 847-297-8010 to give that information.
  - There are no-walk ins for classes.
  - There are no make ups or refunds for missed classes.
- For Niles Rangers hockey team registrations, we will be using in-person registration.
- **Players should be in a line (6ft apart), fully geared up and ready to enter the building 5 minutes before their session begins.** Players should find or purchase rubber blade guards so that they can walk outside in their skates.
- Players may not enter the facility until 5 minutes before their scheduled session and are required to exit the building immediately after their clinic ends. No hockey bags will be allowed in the facility.
- Players will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer when entering the building.
- The Niles Park District and its facilities (Including Iceland) will follow guidelines set forth by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). As of August 15, the new mandate will be that face coverings will be required to be worn by players and coaches while inside the facility (this includes while players and coaches are on the ice). Many parents have asked about having their son/daughter wearing a face shield instead of a helmet with a cage on the front (in hopes that the player wouldn't have to wear a mask then). The CDC has said that there currently isn't enough evidence to support the

effectiveness of face shields for source control. Therefore, face covering will be required for all players and coaches while on the ice and inside the facility.

- Spectators/parents will not be allowed in the facility until further notice.
  - While parents and spectators are not being admitted into the facility during this phase, we now have a way for you to stay connected to your skater and observe their on-ice sessions. IceLand now has Livebarn! This is a live-stream subscription feed. If you decide that you would like to purchase a subscription, you can use our facility promo code to save 10%. The Niles IceLand Promo Code is 95ee-be54
- Parents/Guardians who arrive to pick up their skater more than 5 minutes before their scheduled departure should remain in their cars. Players will exit out the assigned exit about 5 minutes after their session has ended.
- **No locker rooms or benches will be available for use.** Players are expected to come to the rink in their full gear ready to take the ice. The only exception to this rule will be for goalies. They will be allowed into the rink 15 minutes before their scheduled session and given a chair to get their pads on.
- Skaters are allowed to bring 2 hockey sticks and a water bottle with them into the facility. The water bottle should have the players name clearly labeled on it. There will be no water bottle sharing at this time.
- Players must abide by all signage regarding entering and exiting the building in the assigned areas.
  - Players will enter the facility at the IceLand main entrance and should line up on the west side of the door spaced 6ft apart.
  - Players will exit the facility into the back-parking lot from the Northeast (scoreboard end) corner exit. This door faces the back-parking lot.
- Water fountains will not be available and the concession stand will not be open.
- We encourage all players to use the bathroom before coming to the rink, however the bathrooms will be available and cleaned on a regular basis.
- The rink will be cleaned after every hockey session.
- Players may not share any items.
- Individuals will be asked to leave the facility if they exhibit symptoms of Covid-19, do not practice social distancing or are loitering inside the facility.
- All coaches are in a position of authority and are responsible for the safekeeping of their athletes.

While we understand these guidelines aren't the most convenient, they are being done in an

effort to ensure the safety of our players and coaches. At the end of the day, we all want to get back on the ice. We just want to do it in the safest way possible. We appreciate your understanding and patience in adhering to these rules and we look forward to seeing everyone on the ice!