

Anchorage Curling Club COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
(Updated March 15, 2022)

Based on USA Curling, Current Muni plan, CDC recommendations, State of
AK recommendations

INTRODUCTION

The Anchorage Curling Club will be following state and local health mandates regarding the safe re-opening and operation of our club during the COVID-19 pandemic. We operate in an ACC-owned facility, but on land managed by the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA). Therefore, it should be expected that we, the Board of Directors, may be required to present a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. However, this document is designed to inform not only the MOA, but also our members on how we intend to operate our facility in a safe manner to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

At this time, Covid-19 vaccination will be required to register and curl at the Anchorage Curling Club for the 2021/2022 season for anyone over the age of twelve. We will continually revisit the mask requirement throughout the season as the situation with COVID develops. We will be following USA Curling, Muni, The State of AK and CDC guidelines to make our decisions. For juniors, the parents attending will be required to be vaccinated.

This mitigation plan has been guided in its formation by local MOA mandates and guidelines and from mitigation plans produced by other local sporting organizations. Additionally, we have received guidance from our governing body (USA Curling) and from other curling clubs in Alaska and the lower 48 states. Despite these mitigation measures, there will still be some risk of exposure to COVID-19 in our facility. To minimize this risk, we request 100% compliance to the policies outlined below. We believe that adherence to these policies will significantly minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in our membership ranks and will allow the club to remain open. Having said that, we are prepared for the possibility of short term and longer term closures.

This document is designed to be flexible depending on the status of COVID-19 cases in our community at any given time. It may therefore be necessary to update this plan regularly. Following any edits to the mitigation plan, membership will be updated with a notice of changes.

SAFETY MEASURES

PRIMARY EXPECTATIONS OF CLUB MEMBERS AND VISITORS

- Vaccination is required for everyone entering the club.

- Masking is strongly encouraged (and may be required again if the situation and recommendations change).
- Respect for everyone in the curling community is required. If others around you are masking, and would like you to, please do so.
- Follow CDC guidance for quarantine (if you've been around anyone with COVID) and isolation (if you have tested positive for COVID). Specifically, do not come to the club if you are actively quarantining or isolating, or if you have symptoms.
- If members have been in the building during a period when they may have been positive for COVID-19, they will respectfully alert a member of the Board of Directors (and league chair as appropriate) with the date and times that they were present so that all other members present on that date or dates may be notified.

GENERAL CLUB OPERATIONS

- The ACC is open as of October 2021
- We will closely monitor and follow local & national guidelines in determining and updating our mitigation plan.
- **Vaccination will be required for entering the club, both participants and spectators.**
- As of March 2022, while Anchorage is in the CDC “low” community risk level, **face coverings are strongly encouraged** (i.e., covering the nose and mouth). We are trying to create the safest possible environment for our members during this pandemic. This is subject to change as guidelines and the COVID situation in Anchorage and Alaska change.
- Please wash your hands or use hand sanitizer immediately before/after if you find it necessary to touch your nose, eyes, or mouth.
- If a member has felt ill or displays any sign of COVID-19 symptoms, then they should not enter the building until they have tested negative.
- Those at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to sit out the 2021-2022 curling season.
- The building will be thoroughly cleaned prior to re-opening this season. During the season, cleaning supplies will be readily available to all members for disinfecting surfaces (e.g., doors, tables, etc...).
- We are holding rentals, learn to curls and bonspiels.
- As of February 2022, we will no longer require logging entry/exit of the building.

THE BAR

- The bar **will** be open for the 2021/2022 season.

ICEHOUSE

- **Facemask strongly encouraged** (covering the nose and mouth).

- To begin a new draw, Sheet A will throw rocks from the clubhouse to scoreboard end while sheet B will throw from the scoreboard to clubhouse end.
- A simple “good curling” will suffice in-lieu of hand-shakes.
- As always, only skips/vice skips may be in the “house” areas.
- Designate two rocks per player prior to each game. Retrieve your own stones prior to each throw. Players moving the stones out of the house are encouraged to use their feet.
- Games must stop at the designated time regardless of the number of ends played to allow time for sanitation of equipment and exiting of the area prior to the next draw. If games are tied, teams are encouraged to play a last shot draw to the button to determine the winner prior to the designated completion time.

IN THE EVENT OF AN COVID-19 CASE IN OUR CLUB

- A notification of a positive COVID-19 test will be sent to the relevant group(s) that were present (i.e. league members, Learn to Curl registrants, Spiel registrants, etc) and will include the date and times when that person was present in the club. The identity of the member testing positive will not be shared with membership at large.
- Members who test positive are also expected to notify anyone they were in close contact with, following AK state guidance.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Email will be the primary means for notifying club members of potential COVID-19 exposure, club shutdown, and/or updates to this mitigation plan. Therefore members are responsible for keeping their email address current within their profile on the ACC website and ensure updates are not filtered to their spam/junk folder.
- Updates and announcements will also be posted to the member’s only area of the ACC website. This will be the secondary means of communication.
- Social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram will be used to supplement the primary and secondary lines of communication.
- Club members are encouraged to check their email, the ACC website, and social media platforms regularly.