

As COVID-19 numbers are on the rise and questions are fielded from club members, we wanted to be in touch with you.

Omaha has implemented a 25% capacity rule, which for Motto McLean is approximately 50 people in the building. At this time, our Learn to Skate classes, off ice, on ice and Freestyle ice are well within these boundaries.

Omaha also has a mask mandate in effect through February 23, 2021. Both home rinks, Motto and Baxter, have strong mask policies. Everyone in the rink must wear a mask, covering mouth and nose. In addition all must maintain distance between other skaters or observers. As a club, our policy is that coaches wear masks while in a lesson and skaters should keep their masks on unless actively skating.

According to current public health standards, a COVID exposure is defined as more than 15 minutes of face-to-face interaction, with or without a mask. Given that definition, our policies, and adherence to those policies, if there is a positive case, public health guidance is such that contact tracing would not be required. The transmission possibility is deemed low in our circumstances.

FSCO cares about our skaters and families. If your skater tests + for COVID-19, we encourage you to notify your coach and follow the CDC guidelines for quarantine. Your coach will relay this information to the FSCO board COVID-19 contact coordinator who will assist in appropriate contact follow up. FSCO will do our best to inform its members of known positive virus cases.

Please continue to make good public health choices both on and off the ice. If a skater or family member feels ill, please stay at home.

During the COVID-19 pandemic leaving our homes to engage in any social atmosphere—skating included—carries inherent risk. Please remember that it is each individual's decision to take this risk.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keep our skating club running as safely as possible. We will get through this time with wisdom and vigilance. We hope to see everyone's smiles again soon.