

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you today.

I am a 30-year employee of the City of Greensburg as the Recreation Facilities Manager. I also serve as the chair for the Pittsburgh Penguins Ice Rink Managers Group that is comprised of 31 ice facilities made up of 7,553 hockey players, ages 5 to 18, from Southwestern PA, Northern WV and Eastern Ohio. Those numbers play for an Amateur and Interscholastic League, PAHL and PIHL. Both of those organizations are active in our managers group and attend our quarterly meetings. We have a solid working relationship with their directors.

Our buildings contain complex equipment consisting of air handling exchange units, desiccant dehumidifiers and seven miles of under ice piping, which keep our ice at a consistent 18-22 degrees. We consist of seasonal and year round facilities that are owned by private companies, universities and municipalities. Our ice rinks range from 40,000 sq. feet to 100,000 sq. feet with occupancy limits of 500 to 800 bodies.

8-foot high Plexiglas surrounds our 200' by 85' playing surface. The inside air temperature of our rinks vary from 45 to 55 degrees. Our member facilities are diligently enforcing CDC guidelines including wearing a mask, physical distancing, providing hand sanitizer in several locations, checking patron temperatures and disinfecting the entire facility several times a day in an effort to provide a safe environment for players. We limit the number of players allowed in each locker room to keep a distance and all players must wear a mask. We have posted signs from the front to the back of the building stating, "keep a 6 ft. distance" ... "wear a mask" ... "wash your hands" ... "use hand sanitizer" ... "stay home if you have a fever or feel ill". Our leagues also help us to enforce the rules related to COVID-19.

The 25 indoor person limit is impossible to adhere to in a game situation, considering a team is made up of 14 to 18 players and a minimum of 2 coaches. Our players are covered head to toe in protective equipment and our coaches are required to wear a mask when coaching from the bench. We have anywhere from 6 to 30 full and part time employees in our buildings that are doing their best to keep everyone healthy.

Speaking just for my city recreation department we have experienced a significant loss of revenue, approximately \$150,000 since March due to cancelled recreation programs such as ice hockey, baseball, football, summer camps and our outdoor pool due to the virus.

I am here today to plead for a minimum 25% or 50% occupancy limit in order to move forward with a playing season for our hockey families. It is unimaginable to expect a parent to not attend a game for their 6 or 7 year old who requires help with dressing in basic equipment.

I am well aware that when the CDC put together their COVID-19 Guidelines it was not possible to consider every activity and/or sport and that ice hockey serves a smaller percentage of youth. I hope I have been able to shed some light on what our sport entails and that our buildings are capable of, and determined to, keeping our players and families safe.

I realize the final decision on increasing attendance numbers does not lie exclusively with you, but please help us in being the start to create a safe season for our players by increasing our indoor attendance numbers. Our facilities employ hundreds of full and part time employees who depend on us as their sole source of income.

Thank you for your time and attention today and I wish you all good health.