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Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex Scheduled to Reopen July 6th
New York State permits ice hockey to open under limited guidelines

(Rochester, NY) June 26, 2020 – Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex is scheduled to reopen the Facility on July 6th, 2020--the first day permitted by New York State. The Iceplex will be implementing a phased reopening approach, which utilizes a multitude of controllable elements that can be eased over time. As the Iceplex progresses towards later phases, the loosening of certain restrictions will deliver a guest experience that is closer to what was known prior to the COVID crisis in our nation.

Per the New York State Department of Health Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation, allowable ice hockey activities upon reopening will be limited. As a result, ice hockey facilities can only permit the playing of hockey within the following confines:

1. Individual or distanced group training or activities (*e.g. shooting drills, speed training, stick handling*)
2. Organized no/low-contact group training (*e.g. camps, clinics*)

The COVID crisis has been devastating to both the sports and tourism industries in our region, therefore it is imperative that all ice hockey and sports facilities within the region must maintain the highest level of safety for our patrons--allowing for the return of large sporting events to our area which drive millions of dollars into our economy on an annual basis.

"As the tourism industry in Monroe County looks to reopen, bringing back sports tourism and the safe return of youth sports tournaments will play an important role in helping the industry recover," said **Don Jeffries, President & CEO, Visit Rochester**.

"We are thrilled to resume operations--albeit in a limited capacity--with the highest recommended standard of safety protocols in place, allowing for a safe return to the sport", said **Christopher Woodworth, General Manager of Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex**. "With a large hockey community present in Monroe County, it is both the sports facilities and customers responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to their teammates, friends, and family. We must all work together so we can continue to reopen

all facets of our economy, which will eventually allow for competitive hockey to return to our region.”

To view the full reopening plan for Bill Gray’s Regional Iceplex, visit billgraysiceplex.com/covid or contact Christopher Woodworth at chris@billgraysiceplex.com.

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Bill Gray’s Regional Iceplex is a 176,000 square foot multi-use sports facility located on the campus of Monroe Community College. It features four NHL-sized ice rinks, one 3,000-seat arena. Bill Gray’s Regional Iceplex serves 1.7 million visitors annually, driving over \$20 million dollars of economic impact to Monroe County. Bill Gray’s Regional Iceplex is located at 2700 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester, NY 14623.

