

# Greater Sudbury Arena User Group COVID-19 Guidelines

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*Subject to Change*

## **Pre-Booking**

Prior to use, participants must provide the City of Greater Sudbury with a signed waiver form for each participant using the ice. The waiver form is required with every new contract. In addition, each group will need to prepare a \*COVID Safety plan and sign off on the acknowledge form indicating they have a plan with the checklist of components that needs to form part of the plan and commit to following their plan. \*The COVID Safety Plan must be revised to incorporate any changes in sports activities as it relates to directives provided by Public Health Sudbury & District and/or the Province.

## **Entrance**

- Participants may enter the building 30 minutes prior to the start of their ice time.
- All patrons who enter the building are encouraged to sanitize their hands using the hand sanitizer dispenser provided.
- All patrons must be able to answer “NO” to all Covid-19 screening questions posted on the doors of the arena entrance prior to entering the facility.

## **Minimum screening questions are:**

1) Do you have any of the following new or worsening symptoms or signs? Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions.

- Fever or chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Cough
- Sore throat, trouble swallowing
- Runny nose/stuffy nose or nasal congestion
- Decrease or loss of smell or taste
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Not feeling well, extreme tiredness, sore muscles

2) Have you travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days and have been told to quarantine as per Federal quarantine requirements?

3) Have you had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?

If any member of the public entering an arena facility answers “YES” to any of the above questions, they must not enter or go to the arena

- **REVISED** SPECTATORS are no longer required to show proof of vaccination for COVID-19
- **REVISED** Facility capacity is reverted to 100%.
- All parents or guardians (spectators) entering the facility must always wear a mask (covering the mouth and nose) as per Provincial Regulation 364/20, Schedule 1, Section 2 (4).  
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364> **SPECTATORS will be asked to leave the facility if they do not keep their masks on.**
- Mask exceptions as detailed in the regulation listed above will be respected. (i.e., medical condition, unable to put on a mask without assistance, **\*temporary removal to eat or drink, etc....** please refer to the above regulation link for complete details). ALL people entering the arena facility are required to wear a mask. Only skaters who are engaged in intense physical activity are not required to wear a mask. **\*MASKS ARE TO BE WORN IN BETWEEN SIPS OF BEVERAGES AND BITES OF FOOD. SPECTATORS will be asked to leave the facility if they do not keep their masks on.**

### Upon Building Entry

- Dressing rooms are assigned to each user group and will be posted at the entrance.
- Player dressing rooms have signage/markers to indicate seating for proper social distancing. If additional rooms are required, please consult with arena staff.
- Dressing rooms will be available no more than 30 minutes prior to the start of the ice time. Users are asked to arrive as close to “ready to play” as possible.
- Showers and washrooms in the dressing rooms will be available, however, participants must respect the 30-minute time limit if they choose to use the showers. If it is determined that players are unable to meet the departure time of 30 minutes after ice time ends, then showers will not be permitted.

### Ice Entry

- Participants waiting to enter the ice must not congregate at the rink entrance door/s. Participants / coaches are to wait in their assigned dressing rooms with masks on until the flood is complete. Helmets **MUST** only go on right before leaving the dressing room, ensuring masks are kept on as long as possible.

### On-Ice Procedure

- Games / Scrimmages / played by amateur and recreational sports are permitted until further notice.
- While on the ice for practices, figure skaters, hockey schools, or individuals working on skill development they must adhere to physical distance measures.
- Many groups operate or are sanctioned by provincial or national governing. These groups must adhere to any return to play guidelines, vaccination policies, and screening policies developed by these governing organizations (i.e., OHF, Skate Ontario, Hockey Canada, Ringette Ontario, etc....).
- Participants will not share water bottles.
- Absolutely no spitting or clearing your nose in the facility or on the ice.
- Players benches will be available and additional seating will be available if required to maintain physical distance between participants.

- Only 1 person may enter the scorekeeper's box at a time. The arena staff will provide sanitizer spray and paper towels. If the renter chooses to use the score clock, they will be responsible for sanitizing the controls before and after use.

### Exit Ice and Building Procedure

- At the end of the booking, participants must exit the ice promptly in single file and return to their assigned dressing room.
- Participants must exit the building through the appropriate door assigned for each pad within 30 minutes of the end of their ice time.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are mounted at each of the exits.

### Safety Protocol

- Dressing rooms will be sanitized between bookings.
- In response to the evolving situation of the COVID-19 VOCs, the Government of Ontario has adopted the approach to implementing public health measures when it comes to isolation. If a participant/player/spectator must remain in isolation due to close contact of a confirmed or suspected COVID Case or a school or workplace closure, access to facilities will be determined based on the directives provided by Public Health Sudbury & Districts.
- **REVISED** Attendance records with contact information, dates, and times ALL participants, coaches, parents/guardians, trainers, etc.... **is no longer required for each booking.**
- Any positive cases of COVID by any participants and spectators (players, coaches, trainers, managers, parents, guardians, etc.) **MUST be reported** to Manager of Arenas immediately, along with the directives provided to you by Public Health Sudbury & Districts.
- Please note that sanitization of all other arena spaces will occur periodically. Washrooms will be sanitized four times daily.
- Wash your hands - Practice physical distancing - Do not share equipment.
- All patrons are expected to abide by the occupancy limits detailed above.
- To ensure our facilities can remain open and safe, please obey all rules as presented.

**Zero tolerance!** Failure to follow guidelines and policies could result in immediate ejection from the facility and future booking privileges revoked. The City of Greater Sudbury may cancel future bookings without refunds.