

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Return to Play Protocol | Step Three, Version Four

February 28, 2022



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The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie is committed to the health and safety of visitors and staff. Part of that commitment includes frequent review of the Return to Play Protocol to ensure not only the health and safety of all individuals, but also to provide the best experience possible under the Provincial health orders.

Face Covering Exemption

- PLEASE NOTE: self-declaration/parental declaration of the following is sufficient to be exempted from wearing face covering.
- The Person is a child under the age of 2 years; or a child under the age of 5 years either chronologically or developmentally and he or she refuses to wear a face covering and cannot be persuaded to do so by their caregiver.
- The Person is incapacitated and unable to remove their mask/face covering without assistance.
- Wearing a Face Covering would inhibit the Person's ability to breathe in any way.
- For any other medical reason, the Person cannot safely wear a Face Covering such as, but not limited to, respiratory disease, cognitive difficulties or difficulties in hearing or processing information.
- Persons in a commercial establishment need to intermittently remove their face covering for provision of service or assistance that includes communication with a deaf person, if that deaf person relies upon lip-reading for interpersonal, verbal dialogue.
- The obligation to provide reasonable accommodation under the Ontario Human Rights Code requires exemption from this order/requirement.

Safety Precautions

- All persons entering a municipal community centre must wear a face covering that securely covers the nose, mouth and chin as required per Municipality of Arran-Elderslie requirements.
- Physical distancing of 2 (two) metres is required at all times.
- Ensure you wash or sanitize your hands upon arrival and frequently throughout the day.
- Be advised that anyone entering the building will be required to passively screen themselves for COVID-19 symptoms (via signage) before being allowed entry to the building. *If you or anyone in your household are feeling sick, please do not come to the facility. Your session will be rescheduled or if another session cannot be booked a refund will be provided.*
- Surfaces and other high touch areas will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.

- Municipality of Arran-Elderslie employees will have appropriate training and protective equipment for their work environment and will be actively screened before entering the facility.
- Posters will be present throughout the facility reminding patrons of screening requirements, mandatory masking and maintaining physical distance.

Bookings

- All bookings must be completed in advance by contacting programs@arran-elderslie.ca or call 519.363.3039 x 117.
- All bookings must adhere to all Provincial restrictions in place at the time of the rental.
- All organizations, groups or individuals must complete the Return to Play document prior to rental date.
- All organizations, groups or individuals must sign the Group Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement prior to rental date.

Before You Arrive

- Dressing rooms will be available no more than 30 minutes prior to a rental and no more than 30 minutes following a rental.
- Water bottles should be filled prior to entering the building and have the users name on it.

Ice Rental Preparation

- Dressing rooms will be provided and assigned. Face coverings must be worn at all times while in the dressing room.

While Participating On-Ice

- Physical distancing must be practiced when entering and exiting the ice surface.
- Water bottles are permitted along the boards. Bottles are clearly labelled with the participants name and distanced appropriately.
- Players benches are available. All players and coaches must maintain physical distancing while in the facility and on-ice as much as possible, including participants while they are actively engaged in sport activity.
- A new zero tolerance policy regarding spitting will be in place at all times. Absolutely no spitting while in the facility. If caught, you will be asked to leave the premise and may have privileges revoked for future rentals.
- Two nets will be provided, if required.

Please Be Aware

- Warm-ups will not be allowed inside the facility under any circumstance.
- The concession will not be open.
- Public washrooms will be available and will be sanitized in accordance with Arran-Elderslie protocols.

- All spectator areas of the facility will be opened including the lobby. Spectators are reminded to wear a mask at all times and to maintain a 2 metre physical distance.
- All persons entering a municipal community centre must wear a face covering that securely covers the nose, mouth and chin as per Municipality of Arran-Elderslie requirements.
- This does not apply to individuals while participating in sport activities.
- All users must adhere to the most current provincial health orders. Deviation from any public health order may result in the group being asked to leave the facility immediately and future ice rental privileges could be suspended.

Following the Rental

- Participants in an ice rental must vacate the dressing room no more than 30 minutes following the rental.
- Please proceed out of the facility using the directional signage and proceed to your vehicle.

Specific Guidance | Hall Rentals & Programs

- All organizations, groups or individuals must complete the Return to Play document prior to rental date.
- All organizations, groups or individuals must sign the Group Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement prior to rental date.
- Renters must provide a specific time of when they need in and out of the facility and must not arrive prior to the start time or leave after the end time.
- All users must adhere to the most current provincial health orders. Deviation from any public health order may result in the group being asked to leave the facility immediately and future rental privileges could be suspended.
- All persons entering a municipal community centre must wear a face covering that securely covers the nose, mouth and chin as per Municipality of Arran-Elderslie requirements.

Potential Exposure/Suspected COVID-19 Case

Should there be potential exposure or a suspected COVID-19 case within the facility, the following protocol will take place:

- The Grey Bruce Health Unit will inform the facility regarding the potential exposure or suspected case. The Grey Bruce Health Unit will be responsible for notifying any individuals who have come into close contact with the potential exposure or suspected case. Municipal staff will communicate as needed regarding contact information for individuals who may have come into contact with the potential exposure or suspected case.
- The facility will be closed to the public for enhanced disinfecting. This will include disinfecting all areas of the facility including all rooms, high touch points and equipment.

- The facility will reopen once the enhanced disinfecting has taken place.
- The Municipality will inform the public about the closure and the measures being taken to safely reopen the facility.
- Any user who has rented the facility while the building is closed will be informed of the cancellation and not be charged for the rental.

Additional Information

- Should you have questions regarding the above protocols or are not able to meet the protocols noted within this document, please contact Municipal staff to determine a solution that will meet all Public Health protocols.
- This is a living document that will be updated as Public Health regulations or Municipality of Arran-Elderslie policies and/or procedures are updated.

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