

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Return to Play Protocol | Step Three, Version One

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In preparing for the reopening of the community centre's, 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.

### **Proof of Vaccination**

As per the amended Regulation under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, all persons entering a municipal facility who are 12 years of age must be fully vaccinated and be past fourteen (14) days of second dose. Patrons will be required to provide proof of identification and proof of vaccination status upon entry to the facility.

Patrons who are under the age of 18 years and are entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities solely for the purpose of actively participating the organized sport, such as training, practices, games and competitions are exempt from being fully vaccinated if they are participating in sport or recreational activities. Please note, the league's governing body may require eligible participants to be fully vaccinated to participate in their program, i.e. minor hockey.

### **Vaccination Exemption**

Should a patron who is 12 years or older have a medical exemption for being fully vaccinated, upon entry they will be required to show:

- The name of the person in the written documentation matches the identification provided.
- The physician's or registered nurse in the extended class's information is complete by including:
  - Name and contact information of the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
  - Logo or letterhead identifying the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
  - Statement that there is a medical reason for the individual's exemption from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
  - Any effective time-period for the medical reason which includes the date the patron is seeking access to the business or organization.

### **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](mailto:programs@arran-elderslie.ca) or call 519.363.3039. Facilities will not be open for drop in programming at this time.
- 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.

### Maximum Numbers

- Arran-Elderslie is recommending a maximum of 20 participants total per group on the ice surface. This includes players, goalies, coaches, etc. The association or sport governing body may dictate lesser participants allowed on the ice surface at one time. Increased capacity for on ice activities is permissible, however, social distancing and dressing room capacities will continue to apply before and after an ice time.
- Groups are advised to limit spectators within the facility, and it is recommended that one accompanying parent, guardian or other adult for each participant that is under the age of 18 attend. Please be reminded that all spectators including parents/guardians are required to provide proof of identification and vaccination upon entry. The spectator will be required to enter in the front door of the facility and stand along the boards at glass level or in the arena spectator seating designated area. No access to the lobby is permitted at this time.
- Users must not exceed any applicable gathering restrictions. The Municipality may require any user(s) to leave the facility and its premises in the event that there is a determination that a gathering exceeds any applicable gathering restriction.

### **Before You Arrive**

- Main entrance doors will remain closed at all times. To access the facility for your rental, the coach/organizer must assemble the entire team/group and call the posted phone number when the team/group is ready to enter. Entry must not occur any earlier than 15 minutes prior to rental time.
- If participating in a sport, players are strongly encouraged to come fully dressed.
- 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. Each rental will receive two dressing rooms, however limited capacity and social distancing will be required. If participants require assistance to have their skates tied, increased capacity is permitted within the dressing room provided that everyone is wearing a face covering properly.
- Participants and spectators are not permitted to come in and out of the building during a rental.
- Once the outgoing group has exited the building, facility staff will disinfect the dressing rooms and high touch points prior to the next groups using the facility.
- If referees are required for your rental, please advise staff prior to the booking. The Referee dressing room will be available for referee's only. Should referees be required for back to back bookings, the Referee Room will not be disinfected between uses. The Referee Room will be cleaned and disinfected once per day, or as required.

### **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. There will be no pucks, pylons or other skating aids available for use.

### **Please Be Aware**

- Warm-ups will not be allowed inside the facility under any circumstance.
- The concession will not be open.
- A public washroom will be available and will be sanitized in accordance with Arran-Elderslie protocols.
- The lobby area will not be open. Spectators will be required to enter in the front door of the facility and stand along the boards at glass level or in the designated area of the spectator stands.
- 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**

- 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.

**Please be advised that this Policy is based on requirements from the Provincial Government as it relates to Ontario Regulation 364/20. Municipal staff are required by the Province of Ontario to adhere to the regulation or face monetary penalties. We ask everyone to be patient and kind with one another.**