

Covid-19 Arena Re-Entry Guidance

As we relaunch Strathcona County Arenas, we ask for everyone's full cooperation and commitment to follow the facility guidelines of the Phase 2 reopening of arenas and the Alberta Health Services (AHS) guidelines. Our priority is the health and safety of our guests and staff.

- **Pre-screening measures:** Stay home if you are sick or displaying any symptoms of COVID-19. Follow the pre-screen procedures posted at the facility and outlined by AHS. <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/56c020ed-1782-4c6c-bfdd-5af36754471f/resource/6607784e-b42e-46c2-ba76-031c3b0217c5/download/covid-19-relaunch-daily-checklist.pdf>
- **Contact Tracing:** Sport and recreation organizations are responsible for keeping track of their participants for the purpose of contact tracing in the event of an outbreak. Refer to AHS Guidelines for COVID-19 Relaunch Guidance for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation – Stage 2 (AHS-SPAR, p. 4 Sept 3/20).
- **2 Meters Physical Distancing:** Maintain 2-meter physical distancing between people, except those who reside in the same household or who belong to an existing cohort.
- **Non Medical Masks (face coverings):** As part of Strathcona County's efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, [non-medical masks \(face coverings\) will be required](#) for people entering all County-owned buildings and transit, effective **August 4, 2020**. Masks should be worn indoors except when engaging in intense physical activity (AHS-SPAR, p.5 Sept 3/20)
- **Limit Contact:** No more than 50 people can be on the ice/boxes at the same time; including participants, officials, coaches, and trainers (AHS-SPAR, p. 8 Sept 3/20). Where sports and activities cannot be modified to maintain 2-meter physical distance, groups must limit the number of contacts between different participants. This is done by playing within sport cohorts of up to 50 people. <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>
- **Limited Spectator Capacity:** Spectators should stay out of participant spaces. With 2 meters distance maintained between members of different households, a maximum of 100 spectators are permitted in indoor settings (AHS-SPAR, p.5 Sept 3/20). Spectators in Strathcona County Arenas must adhere to specific posted spectator capacity limits and masks or face coverings are required. Spectators can enter the facility at the start of their participant's scheduled ice time and need to exit the facility once their ice time has ended to avoid people congregating indoors afterward.

Welcome back: We look forward to welcoming you, your organization, and its members back to Strathcona County arenas within the new guidelines and facility procedures. Your collaboration and communication is very important as we reopen arenas. The health and safety of everyone is our priority. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Recreation, Parks & Culture will:

Communicate: Covid -19 re-entry protocols with all facility guests including players, parents, coaches and staff through on-site media (facility signage, posters, conversations) and on-line media (YouTube: Arenas – Know Before You Go).

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Pre-screen: RPC staff team members will be pre-screened daily using a Health Assessment Pre-screening Tool.

Initiate the use of Facility Ambassadors: To greet and help guests navigate the new guidelines required for arenas – modified entry/exit, dressing rooms, ice and spectator capacities.

Educate: Facility users about new facility procedures implemented to avoid the spread of Covid-19.

Collaborate: With facility user groups and individuals on ways everyone can help reduce the spread of Covid-19.

Post Capacity Limits: For arena dressing rooms, spectators and other spaces using 2-meter physical distancing guidance.

Clean and Disinfect: Additional cleaning and disinfecting measures will be used to ensure a safe and healthy environment for everyone. Staff will be disinfecting arena and common touch points between users.

Reduce Risk: Provide hand sanitizer at facility entrances and in various locations throughout the facility and increased frequency of cleaning and disinfecting.

Reduce Crossover: Facilities will promote physical distancing and where possible implement one-way traffic flow and modify entry and exits points to reduce contact between groups.

Review: In collaboration with all stakeholders, evaluate current guidelines and update as needed based on AHS and Government of Alberta direction and guidance.

Arena User Groups will:

Identify Covid Coordinators: For the purposes of managing Covid-19 related matters for their organization, groups will identify an individual(s) who will be the primary point of contact for Strathcona County. It is recommended teams appoint

Communicate and Educate: With participants, parents, coaches and spectators on Alberta Health Services Covid Guidelines, as well as Strathcona County's requirements, procedures and facility postings and signage.

Pre-screen: Complete your sport governing body and association's pre-screen process pursuant to AHS requirements (AHS – SPAR, p. 4 Sept 3/20).

Arrival: Coaches should be at the arena first, arriving 35 minutes prior to their team's ice time. Participants can enter the arena no more than 30 minutes before their ice time. To minimize crossover of teams, coaches will be responsible for keeping players in their dressing room and out of the hallway prior to their ice time. Coaches and participants should proceed to the ice at the scheduled ice start time.

Arrive ready to train or play: Participants are encouraged to arrive with their required equipment on (AHS – SPAR, p. 12 Sept3/20), as dressing rooms will be limited to accommodate physical distancing. Bring a pre-filled, labelled water bottle.

Limited Dressing Rooms: Dressing room space will be limited to provide 2-meter physical distancing between individuals and groups (AHS -SPAR, p. 12 Sept 3/20); unless your team is identified as a cohort group by your association. To accommodate all facility users, groups will be limited to a maximum of 2 dressing rooms. Showers are not available.

Exit: Coaches and participants will leave the ice and players' boxes immediately after their scheduled ice time and proceed directly to their dressing rooms. Coaches will hold teams in dressing rooms to ensure hallways are vacant as new teams leave their dressing rooms to go on the ice. Teams leaving will have 15 minutes in the dressing room, before they must exit the facility. Coaches will be responsible for their team, ensuring everyone has left and cleared the hallways.

Reduce Crossover: Coaches will promote physical distancing, where possible, by guiding entry/exit in/out of dressing rooms to help reduce contact between groups.

Minimize Contact with High Touch Surfaces: Everyone should avoid contacting high-touch point surfaces such as door handles and going in and out of dressing rooms. Indoor warm-up space is not available. Common area chairs and tables may not be available to reduce gathering areas and to promote physical distancing.

Additional support required: Spaces may be set aside for skaters to put skates on where facilities can accommodate such space. User Groups with individuals needing assistance with skate tying should consider how to manage this within physical distancing guidelines. Skate tying prior to arrival and the use of skate guards is strongly recommended

Hockey Canada, Ringette Canada and Skate Canada have developed sport specific guidelines to provide direction on how their sports' activities can be modified to comply with AHS and Government of Alberta directives regarding physical distancing and avoiding the sharing of common equipment. Groups are expected to follow their sport governing body's guidelines with respect to these modifications. It is also the group's responsibility, to ensure sanctioned activities are permitted through their sport governing body.