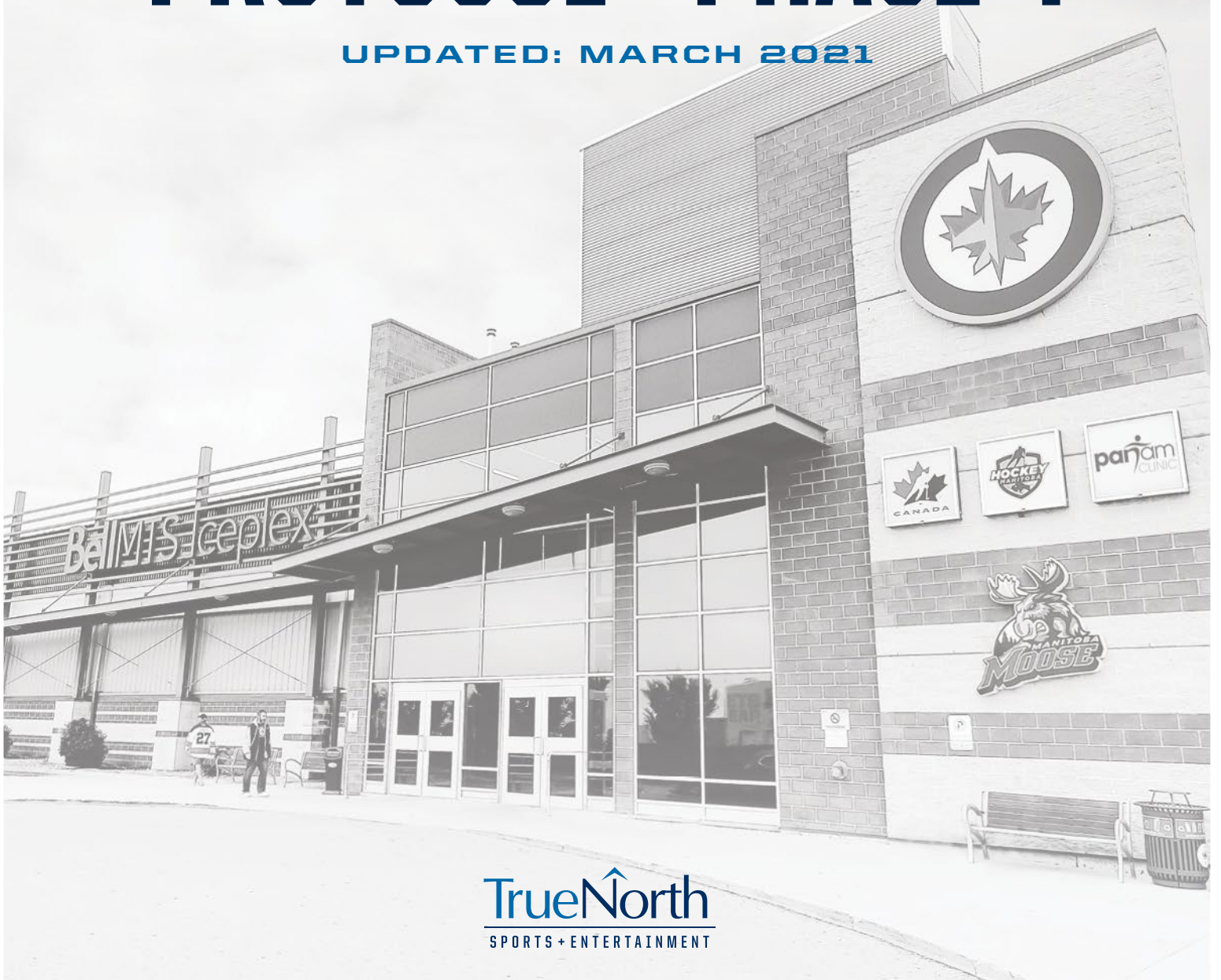


# BellMTS Iceplex

## RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL - PHASE 4

UPDATED: MARCH 2021



## BELL MTS ICEPLEX PROGRAMMING PARTICIPANT PROTOCOLS

In preparing for the March 5 reopening, Bell MTS Iceplex is committed to ensure the health and safety of our guests and staff. Part of that commitment includes frequent review of our Return to Play Protocols to ensure not only the health and safety of individuals at the Iceplex but also to provide the best hockey experience possible under the province's public health orders.

All individuals entering Bell MTS Iceplex who are not participants in hockey programming will be required to wear a mask at all times. Participants are required to wear a mask while entering the facility until they reach the dressing room and again upon leaving the dressing room to exit the facility. On-Ice Coaches, off-ice coaches and team officials are required to wear masks at all times while in the facility. Individuals under the age of ten do not have to wear a mask, however, it is strongly recommended. Masks must be worn in The Pressbox Restaurant & Sports Bar unless seated, although they must be worn to and from the restaurant. A minimum order is in place when the restaurant is open due to the limited capacity available.

Under the most recent public health order effective March 5, 2021, games and scrimmages are prohibited. Any user that allows scrimmages or games will have their ice time revoked. The public health order requires that facilities implement measures to ensure members of the public at the facility are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other members of the public at the facility, *excluding participants while they are actively engaged in a sporting activity.*

The health and safety of our employees and guests is our number one priority. All employees and guests are required to complete a self-screening tool before proceeding to work or to their activity.

Employees and guests will be advised to practice physical distancing by standing at least six feet away from other people throughout the facility or an extended stick length away while on the ice, as much as possible. Distancing markers will be located throughout the facility in areas where individuals are in lineups or skate-tying locations.

Enhanced traffic flow measures have been implemented to accommodate one-way traffic in the lobby. Visitors are asked to promptly enter and exit through and avoid congregating in the lobby. Spectators are asked to enter the arenas immediately upon checking in and should leave the lobby as soon as possible when exiting.

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Employees and guests are instructed to stay home if they do not feel well and are instructed to contact a staff member if they notice a coworker or guest with a cough, shortness of breath, or other known symptoms of COVID-19.

All high-touch areas will be cleaned with increased frequency each day. Dressing rooms will be cleaned after every use. Public access washrooms will also be cleaned on a more regular basis when programming is taking place.

**If you or anyone in your household are feeling sick, please do not come to the Iceplex.  
Your session will be rescheduled or if another session cannot be booked a refund will be provided.**

To ensure you have the most recent information regarding Iceplex Return to Play Protocols, please visit our website prior to every visit.

## GENERAL PARTICIPANT PROTOCOLS



Participants will not be able to enter the Bell MTS Iceplex until fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of their session and must vacate the premises within fifteen (15) minutes after the session has concluded. Dressing rooms will be available to all participants fifteen (15) minutes prior to their ice time for practices, however, participants are encouraged to come to the facility dressed for the ice. Dressing room showers and washrooms are not available for use at this time.

There may be periods of time when dressing rooms are not available and participants will be asked to arrive dressed prior to their ice time and provided a place to put on their skates.

Participants who arrive early will be asked to return outside to their vehicle until the appropriate time to enter the facility.



**At this time, spectators are limited to one per participant.** Spectators will not be able to enter the Bell MTS Iceplex until the start of the ice time they are attending and must go directly into the arena or to The Pressbox Restaurant & Sports Bar. Spectators must also vacate the facility immediately following the end of the ice time. Spectators are asked to stay in the arena they are attending while in the facility except when utilizing the washroom, visiting the concession or The Pressbox Restaurant & Sports Bar. No outside food or beverage will be allowed in the facility. Spectators are expected to maintain physical distancing at all times when at the Iceplex. Total capacities have been implemented in each of the Bell MTS Iceplex arenas to meet or exceed the current public health order requirements. Additional adults may be turned away at the door to ensure compliance with public health requirements.



Using your smart phone you can access the online screening tool by scanning the QR code with your phone camera or by visiting <https://bit.ly/3ef4a4S>.

## SPECTATOR CAPACITIES:

Arena	Capacity	Restrictions
Subway Arena (formerly Canadian Tire)	30	250 per North and South side. Standing room comes out of the total spectator amount
Flynn Arena (formerly Remax)	30	Standing room comes out of the total. Home team should ensure spectators are physically distanced and use all available sections.
Manitoba Building Trades Arena (formerly Red River Co-op)	30	Standing room comes out of the total. Home team should ensure spectators are physically distanced and use all available sections.

It is the responsibility of the user group to ensure spectators do not arrive early and that arena capacity limits are adhered to. The user group must monitor capacity to ensure compliance with the facility restrictions. Failure to do so may result in future ice rental being suspended for a period of time to be determined by Bell MTS Iceplex.

Additional spectators can watch live action from Bell MTS Iceplex through the streaming services of livebarn.com.

Balcony access has been reserved for accessible seating. The balconies are currently closed to the general public.

Under the current Pandemic Response System, Winnipeg is currently under the restricted level code red. This includes the Bell MTS Iceplex parking lot, which means there cannot be gatherings of more than ten (10) individuals and all individuals must remain physically distanced. This includes players for warm-up, spectators and tailgating either before or after facility use. User groups are expected to ensure they follow the rules established in the Pandemic Response system both for participants and spectators associated with the group.

As per the provincial health order, all visitors must be screened for symptoms prior to entering the facility each day and are not allowed to enter if they present with COVID symptoms. To make this process as efficient as possible, the Iceplex has implemented an online screening tool that must be completed prior to entering the facility.



Using your smart phone you can access the online screening tool by scanning the QR code with your phone camera or clicking [here](#).



When entering the Iceplex you are required to utilize the hand sanitizer station located at the entrance and proceed to the check-in desk. You will be greeted by a Bell MTS Iceplex staff member to confirm the online self-screening tool has been completed and direct you to your program area. If the online self-screening tool cannot be completed for any reason the staff member will complete a verbal screening process.

If any participant does not complete either the online or verbal screening tool they will not be allowed to participate and must leave immediately, no exceptions.

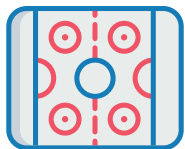


The main floor washroom will be available for users of the facility, the second floor washroom will be closed to the public. All customers must bring their own water bottle to the facility. No water fountains will be available to participants or spectators.



Absolutely no spitting will be tolerated within the facility. You will be asked to leave the premises and may have your privileges for future programming suspended indefinitely.

Additional program specific protocols have been developed and should be reviewed prior to each day of activity as they will be updated on a regular basis.

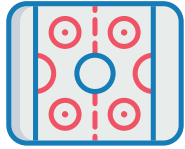


## ICE RENTALS – PRACTICES:

**Participants and Coaches MUST wear a mask at all times when in the facility, including while on the ice.** Masks may be removed for water breaks but have to be put back on prior to continuing activity. All users must adhere to the most current provincial health order and deviation from the public health order may result in the group being asked to leave the facility immediately and future ice rental privileges could be suspended indefinitely. Minor hockey associations are required to follow Hockey Manitoba's Return to Play document at all times.

All participants will have to complete the online self-screening tool prior to entry and check-in with the Bell MTS Iceplex staff member to verify completion. Participants must indicate either the team or user group that they are playing with using the screening tool.

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**Access to the dressing rooms is limited to twelve (12) players per room.** The rooms are clearly marked to ensure physical distancing while in the room. Players are able to access the dressing room space fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled ice time, however, participants are encouraged to come to the facility dressed for the ice. At this time there will be no access to the dressing room washrooms or showers. Players are asked to bring skate guards and to utilize the main washroom in the lobby. These areas are not secure so we ask that all valuables be kept at home.

If a group has more than ten people in a dressing room your ice time will be cancelled. It is important to ensure this protocol is followed at all times. Coaches are required to ensure that dressing limits are not exceeded. Any team meetings prior to your practice must be done on the ice.

There may be periods of time when dressing rooms are not available and participants will be asked to arrive dressed prior to their ice time and provided a place to put on their skates.

Under the current provincial health orders sporting activity is limited to ten individuals not including coaches or instructors at a time. To ensure this is followed the ice will be split in half with dividers to accommodate maximum of 20 participants per hour. **At no time can any participant or coach cross into the other half of the ice. Each group must take reasonable measures to ensure there is no interaction between the other groups utilizing the facility.**

All players and coaches must maintain physical distancing while in the facility and on-ice as much as possible, excluding participants while they are actively engaged in hockey activity.

Your dressing room space will be cleaned prior to every use. We ask that players do not share spaces or supplies at this time.

To enhance physical distancing players should use the same entrance nearest to their dressing area to get on and off the ice. Dressing rooms or skate-tying areas will be allocated to help distance one group from another.

The benches are available to teams and participants and have been expanded to accommodate more players during use. Participants are asked to maintain physical distancing in the benches as best as possible. Benches will be cleaned after every use.

All participants and spectators should enter the Iceplex using the main entrance on the south side of the facility.



## JETS HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

To accommodate the training needs of as many Jets Hockey Development (JHD) customers as possible, a variety of sessions will be offered. To book sessions please email [jhd@tnse.com](mailto:jhd@tnse.com). Due to provincial health regulations, limited capacity is available.

For JHD sessions, please enter the Iceplex utilizing the main facility doors located on the south side of the facility. Upon entering utilize the hand sanitizing station located in the entrance.

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There will be periods of time when dressing rooms are not available and participants will be asked to arrive dressed prior to their ice time and provided a place to put on their skates.

Under the current provincial health orders only practices and programs are allowed so each group will be provided two dressing rooms when available. **At no time can any participant or coach cross into the other half of the ice. Each group must take reasonable measures to ensure there is no interaction between the other groups utilizing the facility.** your dressing room space will be cleaned prior to every use. We ask that players don not share spaces or supplies at this time

All staff are required to wear masks while at the Bell MTS Iceplex including during on-ice activity. To further reduce the risk while on the ice, instructors and participants are required to maintain an extended stick length of distance from others as much as possible, excluding participants while they are actively engaged in hockey activity.

All participants and spectators should enter the Iceplex using the main entrance on the south side of the facility.



## ICE LAB

To book available Ice Lab sessions please visit our website at [bellmtsiceplex.ca/our-facility/ice-lab/](http://bellmtsiceplex.ca/our-facility/ice-lab/), it is important to note that sessions become available regularly, so we encourage you to check the availability schedule on a regular basis.

For Ice Lab sessions, please enter the Ice lab entrance on the west side of the facility.



Players can enter fifteen (15) minutes before the start of their session to get dressed, however, participants are encouraged to come to the facility dressed for the ice.

At this time there will be access to Ice Lab dressing room washrooms, however, no access to Ice Lab showers will be provided. These areas are not secure so we ask that all valuables be kept at home.

Once you are dressed and ready you are asked to remain in the dressing room until the instructor greets you and welcomes you onto the ice.

All staff are required to wear masks while at the Bell MTS Iceplex including during on-ice activity. To further reduce the risk while on the ice, instructors are required to maintain an extended stick length of distance from others as much as possible.