



Preventative Measure Information for Arena Users and Program Participants

Welcome Back!

The City of Thunder Bay is pleased to reopen arenas to the community. The City continues to take direction from provincial and Thunder Bay District Health Unit requirements regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of our employees and the public remains the top priority and we have worked hard to ensure this is maintained as we reopen indoor recreation facilities.

General Information

1. All participants are required to follow all safety measures in place while using the facility.
2. Renters are required to provide a designate from their organization/group to assist participants during their rentals. A designate could be a coach, volunteer, parent or instructor.
3. The user group designate must provide an attendance roster with names and contact information, including all coaches and participants that were in the facility during the rental time.
4. Active screening will be in place by City staff to enter the facility.
5. Participant group size of 25 people, plus organizational staff such as coaches, designate, managers, trainers, referees and timekeepers.
6. One support person per child is preferred to a maximum of 25 spectators per rental are permitted.
7. Spectator's entry and exit must take place promptly within 15 minutes prior to and following the rental time.
8. Team sports may only be practised or played within the facility if they do not allow for physical contact between players or if they have been modified to avoid physical contact between the players.
9. Organized team sports that are practised or played by players in a league may only be practised or played within the facility if the league either,
 - i) contains no more than 50 players and does not permit its teams to play against teams outside of the league, or
 - ii) divides its teams into groups of 50 or fewer players and does not permit teams in different groups to play against one another or against teams outside the league
10. No hockey bags are allowed in the facility, other than goalies and coaching staff.
11. Please bring your own filled water bottle to the session with your name on it.
12. Shared spaces will be cleaned between groups

Active Screening Measures

All individuals will be screened prior to entering the facility in accordance with current Public Health guidelines. Individuals must not enter the facility if they do not pass screening and must leave the facility if they become ill or develop symptoms while at the facility.

Use of the City's online screening tool is strongly encouraged. Screening must be completed on the day of access, prior to attending the facility. Screening result (STOP/GO) must be shown to facility staff at the entrance.

Please access the online screening tool at www.thunderbay.ca/rfst

Anyone who has not completed proof of completed online screening will be screened at the entrance by facility staff.

Please arrive 15min prior to start time to allow for screening to be completed, be patient and practice social distancing while waiting to enter.

The entrance will be locked once screening is complete and the rental starts. Please arrive on time.

Health and Safety Protocol

- Stay home if you are sick
- Follow the health and safety information posted throughout the facility
- All individuals taking part in on ice activities must self-screen in accordance with current public health guidelines before each training session
- Masks are required in all enclosed public spaces, with the exception of those actively participating in physical activities. Masks are to be worn by participants when not actively participating in physical activities.
- Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet in the facility at all times
- Hand sanitizing is required upon entering the facility
- Players/Coaches/Participants must abstain from spitting in any area of the arena.
- Providing PPE will be the responsibility of the user group as per the provincial and Thunder Bay District Health Unit guidelines at <https://www.tbdhu.com/>

Facility Information

- Dressing rooms and showers are unavailable at this time
- Premises must be vacated within 15 minutes of leaving the ice to allow cleaning for the next user group
- Maintaining social distancing on player benches will be the responsibility of the user group

Personal Items, Storage & Equipment

- Personal equipment bags are not permitted in City arenas, other than goalies and coaching staff
- A designated seating area will be provided for participants to place personal items (shoes, jackets, etc) at the responsibility of the owner
- Personal items like equipment bags should be left in the relevant individual's vehicle if available (in a safe and secure location) and where possible, not be brought into the arena and is the responsibility of the participant.
- Participants are asked to come dressed for their practice, other than skates and helmets

Drop off and Pick Up

- Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before your ice time
- Enter the facility at the designated entrance only
- All persons entering the facility will be actively screened by trained City staff
- Proceed directly to the area designated for your group
- No gatherings are permitted outside arena or parking lot or arena lobby
- Exit at designated doors within 15 minutes of leaving the ice

Mask Requirements in Enclosed Public Spaces

Effective July 24, 2020, masks or face coverings will be required in all enclosed public spaces as directed by the Medical Officer of Health for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. Masks must be worn when entering all arenas and indoor facilities and may be removed in an arena for the purpose of putting on a helmet and/or actively participating in physical activity.

Mask use should be combined with other protective measures, such as physical distancing, hand washing, not touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands, and staying home if you are sick.

For the latest City information and service updates during COVID-19 visit:

www.thunderbay.ca/coronavirus

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