

# **WATFORD COMMUNITY ARENA REOPENING PLAN**

As of March 1, 2022

As COVID-19 and construction continues to evolve, this document is subject to change without notice.

## **Return to Play Reopening Plan**

### **All Ice Rentals Must:**

- 1) Sign the Township of Warwick COVID-19 Waiver.
- 2) Complete and submit a Return to Play Plan outlining how they are respecting public health rules for COVID-19. The Plan will be reviewed and approved by the Municipality. The Plan includes the following:
  - Organization Name, Primary Contact and Contact Information.
  - Outline physical distancing measures.
  - Outline cleaning/sanitation measures.
  - Describe PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) that will be used.
  - Outline **passive** COVID-19 Screening methods
  - Provide a copy of any documents provided by your respective provincial and national sport organizations.

### **Vaccination Requirements:**

As of March 1, 2022 at 12:01am, the provincial mandate regarding Proof of Vaccination has been lifted. No Proof of Vaccination is required at the Watford Community Arena or Warwick Township Halls.

### **Covid-19 Screening:**

All guests/patrons/spectators must self-screen for COVID-19 to ascertain whether they are cleared to enter the facility prior to entry.

Patrons have two options to engage in passive self-screening for Covid-19 before entry:

- 1) Use the provincial COVID-19 Screening tool before entering the facility: Coronavirus (COVID-19) self-assessment (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>). The facility will have signage with a QR code to this website on the facility doors.

2) Read the printed copy of the COVID-19 screening questionnaire posted on the entrance doors.

Patrons are to delay entry if the self-screening tools indicate to do so.

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)/Masks:**

All members of the public, including contractors, are required to wear masks when entering all municipal facilities. Masks must cover the nose, mouth and chin during the period the person is in a municipal facility.

Exemptions – Masks are not required when:

- On the ice surface or engaging in physical activity where physical distancing is possible. Examples include all participants on ice including coaches and referees, participants in yoga, participants in pickleball, etc. However, bench staff, timekeepers, music players etc. are required to wear a mask.
- Eating and drinking in the designated area in the Upstairs Arena Hall. Consuming any food or drinks outside of this designated area is prohibited.
- A child is under 2 years of age.
- A person has medical condition that inhibits their ability to wear a mask.

### **Physical Distancing**

It is expected that all user groups/participants/spectators/patrons respect physical distancing of at least 6ft. distance from members not of the same household.

### **Capacity:**

As of March 1, 2022 at 12:01am, capacity limits at the Watford Arena and Community Halls are lifted in all areas wherein passive Covid-19 screening and masking policies are in effect.

Patrons not from the same household are encouraged to maintain physical distancing of 6ft whenever possible.

- Watford Community Arena Hall - 250 people
- Watford Community Arena Ice Surface – 120 people
- Watford Community Arena Stands - Seating capacity of 375

### **Entrance and Exits:**

- 1) Entrance and exit as marked on the arena floor plan in this document. All individuals will use the same entrance and exit.  
The entrance is located through the sliding double doors at the front of the building. The exit is located at the West end of the building, in the ice rink, through the single man door, leading towards the parking lot.

- 2) Emergency exits as marked on the arena floor plan in this document and are only to be used in the case of an emergency.

### **Dressing Rooms:**

- 1) Currently, all dressing rooms are available for use. Please follow posted dressing room assignments.
- 2) Dressing Rooms will be available to teams/skaters 15 minutes before their rental and 15 minutes after their rental.
- 3) Showers are available for use in three of the six dressing rooms. They are available in the existing dressing rooms but not the newly added accessible dressing rooms.
- 4) Masking is required inside of the dressing rooms.

### **Player's Benches and Referee Room:**

Both Player's Benches and the Referee Room are available for use.

### **Washrooms:**

Players/Skaters/Referees will need to use the washrooms in their assigned dressing rooms.

All washrooms in the Arena are open for use and fully functional.

### **Spectators/Parents:**

Spectators/Parents are welcome as the Watford Community Arena and Warwick Township Halls are operating at 100% capacity.

Patrons are required to wear a mask/face covering and are encouraged to practice social distancing. Municipal employees and volunteers will be assisting with reminding patrons of physical distancing in spectator areas to avoid congestion (specifically the main floor lobby near the windows overlooking the arena ice).

Municipal employees or designated volunteers may ask spectators/parents to relocate to different areas for viewing the rink/games based on easing congestion to allow for social distancing. *All Spectators/Parents are required to follow instructions provided by municipal employees/volunteers in this regard.*

### **Drinking Fountain:**

The sipping spout attached to the drinking fountain continues to be closed off. The function that allows users to refill a personal water bottle is available.

### **Food and Drink**

The Concession Booth is open for food and drink sales. Patrons must be seated while consuming food/drink. Consumption of food and drink is allowed in the arena stands and the Designated Eating Area located in in the Flex Space. **Consuming food and drink in the Watford Arena Lobby, or anywhere outside of the Designated Eating Area in the Flex Space or the Arena Stands, is restricted.** Patrons must wear their masks unless consuming food/drink while seated in the arena stands or the Designated Eating Area in the Flex Space. Non-compliance will result in this amenity being closed and food and drink service within the Arena being restricted.

Designated Eating Area in the Flex Space:

The tables in the Designated Eating Area in the Flex Space will be arranged 6 feet apart. The Designated Eating Area in the Flex Space will operate at 100% capacity.

Patrons using the Designated Eating Area in the Flex Space are required to limit seated persons at one table to 10 persons or less and physically distance.

While consuming food, no more than 10 people may be seated together at any table unless they are:

1. Members of the same household;
2. A member of up to one other household which lives alone, or
3. A caregiver for any member of either household.

Bar service in the Upstairs Arena Hall can be provided for when operated by a licensed provider who enforces all applicable guidelines. Interested parties are to contact the Township for more details on this service option.

### **Warm Ups/Dry Land Training:**

Warm ups and dry land training are not permitted in the facility.

### **Cleaning:**

- 1) Dressing rooms will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- 2) Washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected twice daily.
- 3) High touch point surfaces such as door handles will be cleaned and sanitized several times per day.

- 4) User groups/participants/spectators/patrons are responsible for ensuring all garbage is collected in trash bins.
- 5) User groups/participants/spectators/patrons are to be respectful and ensure participants are not spitting or depositing other bodily fluids (i.e. used tissues) on any surface in the facility.

**Conduct:**

It is expected that all user groups/participants/spectators/patrons respect physical distancing of at least 6 ft. distance when speaking with staff and to treat staff respectfully.

**Compliance – Zero Tolerance:**

- 1) User groups not complying with the Watford Community Arena Reopening Plan will receive the following:
  - First Incident – Written warning.
  - Second Incident – Suspension from the facility for two weeks.
  - Third Incident – Expulsion from the facility for the season.
- 2) Refunds will not be provided for user groups that have been suspended or expelled and the group will be responsible to pay for ice time booked during the suspension and/or expulsion. Suspensions and expulsions may apply to the offending individual, team and/or the entire association depending on the severity of the contravention.
- 3) The Township of Warwick reserves the right to deny access to the facility to any person for any reason.

*The Township of Warwick Corporate Policies and By-Law 28 of 2018 Parks and Recreation User Fee Policy, Facility, Park and Pavilion Rental Policy and Ice Rental Policy are in effect.*



## COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Do you have any of the following new or worsening symptoms or signs? Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions.

- Fever or chills  Yes  No
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath  Yes  No
- Cough  Yes  No
- Decrease or loss of smell or taste  Yes  No
- Fatigue, lethargy, malaise and/or muscle aches  Yes  No

2. In the last 14 days, have you travelled outside of Canada AND been advised to quarantine (as per the federal quarantine requirements)?

Yes  No

3. Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that you should currently be isolating?

Yes  No

4. In the last 10 days, have you tested positive on a rapid antigen test or a home-based self-testing kit?

Yes  No

5. Is anyone you live with currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or waiting for test results? Please contact your regional Public Health authority and follow the given directive.

Yes  No

6. In the last 10 days, have you been identified as a “close contact” of someone who currently has COVID-19 OR received a COVID Alert exposure notification on your cell phone? Please contact your regional Public Health authority and follow the given directive.

Yes  No

**If you answered yes to any questions one through six (1-6), please delay your visit AND contact either your health care provider, Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000).**

## **COVID-19 WAIVER**

The Participant understands and agrees that the Township of Warwick shall not be liable for any losses or damages incurred by any person using the facility or sports field for the event, including sickness or death that occurs as a result of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC and the Participant agrees to release the Township of Warwick from any liability in connection therewith and further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Township of Warwick from any claim that may be made by anyone using the facility or sports field for the event, against the Township of Warwick in connection therewith.

The Participant is responsible to ensure current COVID-19 protocols mandated by the Province of Ontario, Lambton Public Health or the Township of Warwick are followed during the event. This may include, but not be limited to, use of masks, physical distancing, and enhanced hand sanitizing.

## **TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION & COVID-19**

#### **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

The Township of Warwick continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

Users of the Township's park system and facilities are reminded that these areas are available for use at your own risk and are not regularly sanitized. An inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases including COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present.

**By visiting any parks and publicly accessible spaces you voluntarily assume all risks including any risk of injury, loss, damage and possible exposure to communicable disease including COVID-19.**

We remind you to follow the COVID-19 precautionary guidelines being recommended by various Canadian health authorities including Lambton Public Health, Ontario Health, and the Public Health Agency of Canada.