The Municipality of North Huron (“the Municipality”) is planning to open the arenas on October 1, 2021. In doing so we have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Municipality cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Blyth and District Community Centre and/or the North Huron Wescast Community Complex could potentially increase the risks of contracting COVID-19.

This document has been developed in consultation with Huron Perth Public Health Unit and Provincial legislation and guidelines. It is understood that the document will be reviewed and updated as required due to changes, best practices due to COVID restrictions.

Yesterday, the Province announced the implementation of vaccine passports. At this point, we do not know the implications it will have on the recreational facilities or how we will implemented it. We will update you as soon as we have been advised of what it entails.

In the meantime, we have put together a list of rules and condition of use we will be implementing in an effort to provide the safest possible experience for players, spectators, and staff. These requirements will include, but not limited to, the following:

**General:**

* Physical distancing is required – minimum 6 feet apart
* Face masks must be worn at all times except by players/participants when they are on the ice
* User groups/renters are responsible for contact tracing of participants, parents and spectators
* User groups/renters are responsible for conducting active/passive screening of participants, parents and spectators
* All parents, participants and spectators are expected to use the hand sanitizer stations at the entrance and exit of the facility
* Siblings of participants must be directly supervised by a parent. Children, other than participant that is on the ice, must be with the parent at all times. Unattended children are not allowed in other areas of the facility.
* It is the organization’s/renter’s responsibility to supervise and ensure all participants, parents, visiting teams and spectators follow all protocols put in place in this document.

**Entering/Exiting the Building:**

* All ice participants, parents and spectators are required to enter through the main entrance of the building
* All participants, parents and spectators are to exit through the side door marked EXIT
* Participants must be out of the dressing rooms/building no later than 30 minutes after they leave the ice surface

**Active/Passive Screening:**

The organization or individual renter will assume the risk and liability and is responsible for ensuring that screening of all patrons under their rental is completed on-site and before using the ice. This will include having participants reading the posted COVID symptom chart (provided by the Township) and ensuring that each participant and spectator fill out the contact tracing sheet. The Township can provide a contact tracing sheet template to the organization or they can bring their own. The municipality will provide a table and shield for your organization’s screen station. It is the responsibility of the organization/renter to keep the filled-out contact tracing sheets on file for Public Health to refer to if there has been a COVID case reported during their rental times.

**Crowd Control and Participant Limits – Dressing Rooms.**

All participants are encouraged to arrive at the facility fully dressed, whenever possible, and ready to participate. There will be limited space and time in the dressing rooms. Siblings of participant must be directly supervised by parent. Children other than participant, must be with the parent at all times.

* To allow for physical distancing, dressing rooms will only accommodate a maximum of 12 participants at a time. Additional seating will be placed outside the dressing room area for skate tying and player assistance.
* The North Huron Wescast Community Complex is limited to a maximum of 50% of the buildings overall capacity. The ice surface and the spectator seating area is limited to a maximum of 50% of its capacity.
* Users are permitted to arrive at the facility no sooner than 10 - 20 minutes before scheduled ice time and must depart within 30 minutes of leaving the ice surface. It is the renter’s responsibility to ensure that all of their participants have departed the dressing rooms and the building within 30 minutes of getting off the ice.
* Showers will be permitted. However, keep in mind, the use of showers may make it more difficult to get everyone out of the dressing room in the timeframe allotted.

**Ice Times**

* Ice time may need to be adjusted to fit facility needs as well as to accommodate other user groups, as well as, cleaning and disinfecting times.

**Face Coverings**

* All patrons entering the facility will be required to wear a face covering providing they are able to do so.
* Face coverings can only be removed when playing/participating on ice.
* Spectators must wear a face covering at all times.

**Staff**

* All staff will be trained on the appropriate use of PPE for cleaning and sanitization of the facility and when physical distancing is not possible.
* All patrons will be expected to follow the direction of the staff on duty. Failure to do so will affect future use of the facility

**Cleaning and Sanitizing**

* All public areas will be cleaned and sanitized daily in accordance with all public health guidelines and industry best practices
* All high touch surfaces will be cleaned frequently in accordance to health guidelines.
* Programming spaces and dressing rooms will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each use.
* Hand sanitizing stations will be set up at all entry points as well as throughout the facility and all patrons will be expected to use them on a regular basis

**Conditions of use**

* Groups are responsible for following the established health and safety protocols established by the Municipality of North Huron, local health organizations, the Province of Ontario, and their own governing bodies.
* The overall building is only permitted to have up to 50% of its maximum capacity. The arena is also limited to 50 % of its normal capacity including the arena spectator seating area.
* It is the responsibility of the organization to keep an accurate head count of who is in the arena and spectator stands during their rental.
* Siblings of participant must be directly supervised by parent. Children other than participant, must be with the parent at all times.
* Anyone entering the facility must wear a face covering. Face coverings can only be removed when playing/participating on the ice. Otherwise face coverings stay on at all times while in the building.
* Participants should practice proper hygiene and wash hands often
* Dry land areas will not be available in the facility for warmup
* Participants are required to use their own equipment.
* Organizations are responsible for sanitizing, cleaning, and disinfecting their own equipment (including ½ boards).
* Social Distancing must be practiced at all times, including in the Dressing Rooms, Spectator Stands, Lobby, and Screening Station, etc.
* Spitting is prohibited within the facility
* Please bring all water bottles already filled when possible. Refill stations will be available, but fountains will not.
* The organization is responsible for retaining all their own contact-tracing sheets in the event they have to hand over to Public Health officials.
* Dressing rooms available; showers available
* No lobby usage

**Rules and Regulations**

* All patrons must follow the direction of staff on duty
* The Municipality of North Huron reserves the right to deny access to the facility to any person for any reason
* Failure to follow conditions of use, directional signage and arrows, directions from staff or appropriate physical distancing practices will result in patrons being asked to leave and loss of usage/rental privilege.

All of the above guidelines and protocols are subject to change in accordance with the Municipality of North Huron, Huron-Perth Public Health and the Government of Ontario.

The Municipality of North Huron would like to thank-you for your co-operation during the process of re-opening our arenas. I hope that together we can return to play while keeping our participants, their families, and staff all healthy and safe.