



Reopening of the North Huron Arenas: Blyth and District Community Centre - Blyth Arena

DRESSING ROOM USAGE WILL BE A PRIVILEGE. FAILURE TO COMPLY (USING SHOWERS AND NOT LEAVING THE BUILDING IN A TIMELY MANNER), MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF USAGE/PRIVILEGE.

The Municipality of North Huron (“the Municipality”) has 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 Westcast Community Complex could potentially increase the risks of contracting COVID-19.

This document has been developed in consultation with user groups, staff, Huron Perth Public Health Unit and Provincial guidelines. It is understood that the document will be reviewed and updated due to changes, best practices and user needs.

These guidelines are an effort to provide the safest possible experience for players spectators and staff.

The Blyth Arena will open for the ice season mid-October and will be incorporating the following requirements. These requirements will include but not limited to the following:

- Time restriction limits
- Physical Distancing - 6 feet apart
- Mask/Face coverings at all times except when on ice
- Gathering Limits (1 parent/guardian per participant will be permitted in the facility only – NO exceptions).
- Limited access to washrooms, **no showers.**
- Contact Tracing (done by each user group/renter including temperature taking – for both participant and parent/guardian).
- Controlled traffic flow (See facility traffic flow).
- Dressing Rooms available; no showers
- No lobby usage.
- Limited access to spectator stands – only parent/guardian that came with participant.

Before entering the facility:

Organizations / renters must ensure their participants are:

- Not experiencing any symptom of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell
- Have not traveled outside of Ontario in the last 14 days
- Do not believe they have been exposed to someone with suspected and / or confirmed case of COVID-19
- Have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have not yet been cleared by the local public health authorities.
- All participants are expected to use the hand sanitizer stations at the entrance of the facilities

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



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include taking temperatures and filling out a screening form for each participant and parents/guardians attending. The municipality will provide a table and shield for your organization's screen station. The Municipality will also provide the organization with a thermometer. The Municipality reserves the right to implement additional screening prior to patrons being granted access.

The renter/organization must ensure that visiting teams are aware of facility restrictions **regarding one parent/guardian per participant. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Crowd Control and Participant Limits

All participants are encouraged to arrive at the facility fully dressed whenever possible and be ready to participate. There will be limited space and time in the dressing rooms.

- To allow for physical distancing, dressing rooms will only accommodate a maximum of 10 participants at a time. Additional seating will be placed outside the dressing room area for skate tying and player assistance.
- Two dressing rooms will be available for a maximum of 20 skaters per rental which includes coaches and officials
- The total number of occupants is limited to sections of the building (ice surface 50 and stands 50). The organization is responsible for these capacity numbers during its rental time. However, if the Municipality facility staff suspects that the capacity has been exceeded, they have the right to ask participants, coaches, volunteers, parents to leave the building.
- Users are permitted into the facility no sooner than 15 minutes before scheduled ice time and must depart within 15 minutes of completion of rental. It is the renter's responsibility to ensure that all of their participants have departed the dressing rooms and the building within 15 minutes of getting off the ice.
- Showers will not be permitted at this time. Washrooms will be available in the lobby as well as dressing room areas

Facility Traffic Flow

- All participants of **Group 1 – first rental time (20 players)** are to enter through main lobby doors, take temperature, fill out screen form for both parent and participant at the screening table and proceed **to dressing rooms 3 and 4**, following directional signage.
- Parents/Guardians of younger participants are permitted to assist with skate tying. Once skates are tied, they must proceed to the designated spectator stands.
- Parents/Guardians of older participants that do not require assistance with tying skates will proceed to the designated spectator stands.
- Participants must remain in dressing room. Coaches are responsible for notifying team members when they are allowed to go on the ice. Coaches and team members are NOT allowed to wait for flood completion in the hallway corridor.
- All ice groups will follow directional signage and exit the building through the south door of the arena after leaving dressing rooms and within 15 minutes of leaving the ice.



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- Parents/Guardians of older aged participants who do not need assistance with removal skates, etc., will leave the spectator stands and exit through the north door near the concession booth seating area.
- Parents/Guardians of younger aged participants who do need assistance with the removal of skates, etc., will exit through the south door of the arena with participant.
- All participants of **Group 2 – next rental time (20 players)** are to enter through main lobby doors, take temperature, fill out screen form for both parent and participant, at the screening table, and **proceed to dressings rooms 1 and 2.**
- The Upstairs viewing area will be closed until further notice.

Ice Times

- For the 2020/21 ice season all efforts will be made to accommodate all existing ice allocations. Staff will attempt to accommodate all user groups where possible. Ice time may need to be adjusted to fit facility needs as well as to accommodate other user groups.

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 following 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



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Conditions of use

- Groups are responsible for following the established health and safety protocols established by the Municipality of North Huron and local health organizations and the province of Ontario.
- Leagues must contain no more than 50 participants in total. If the participants in a league exceed 50, the league may divide into smaller groups of no more than 50. Players are not permitted to play outside their league (subject to change)
- No more than 50 people in the spectator stands during the organization's rental.
- 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.
- 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.
- Dry land areas will not be available in the facility for warmup
- Participants are required to use their own equipment.
- Participants should practice proper hygiene and wash hands often
- 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, at Screen 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.

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. Hopefully together we can return to play while keeping our participants, their families and staff all healthy and safe.

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