

Municipality of North Middlesex  
Arena Covid Safety Plan

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## Covid Safety Plan

Anyone renting ice at the North Middlesex Arena and Fitness Centre will be required to fill out our Covid safety plan which identifies procedures that permit holders will be taking to help combat the spread of Covid-19.

## Entering Our Facility

### Arrival & Security

Users should arrive at our facility around 40 minutes before their scheduled ice time. All users will be greeted by a security guard who will be enforcing several things.

### Proof of Vaccination

As per *Ontario Regulation 645/21* and *Ontario Regulation 364/20* all patrons, 12 years of age and older, entering an indoor recreational facility must be full vaccinated from Covid-19. The security guard at the entrance of the facility will be denying entrance to any patrons who fail to present their vaccination status or are unvaccinated. All patrons must present proof of their vaccination as well as a valid form of identification (Driver's license, passport, or birth certificate).

In the case of exemptions, anyone entering the arena to coach, volunteer, referee, or perform work will not be required to be vaccinated as per *O.Reg 645/21* and *O.Reg 364/20*. Any organizations with volunteers working must provide the Facility Manager names, times working, and jobs they are completing prior to the night that they are volunteering. Volunteers are not to be spectators. Once a volunteer finishes their volunteer job (example: collecting gate fees) they will need to leave the facility if they are unvaccinated. **IF A USER GROUP CIRCUMVENTS THIS REGULATION, THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES BELOW:**

## Penalties

Failing to comply with the requirements of [O. Reg. 364/20](#) can result in charges under the [ROA](#). If charged under Part I of the [Provincial Offenses Act](#) (POA), set fine amounts are \$750 for individuals and \$1,000 for corporations.

Maximum-penalties based on a prosecution under Part I or Part II of the [POA](#) include fines of up to \$100,000 and up to a year in jail for an individual; up to \$500,000 and up to a year in jail for an individual who is a director or officer of a corporation; and up to \$10 million for a corporation.

Anyone under the age of 18 entering the facility to participate in **ORGANIZED SPORT** is also exempt from requiring proof of vaccination.

## Medical Exemptions

Patrons who provide a written document, completed, and supplied by a physician (designated as “MD”) or by a registered nurse in the extended class (designated as “Registered Nurse (Extended Class)”, “RN(EC)”, “Nurse Practitioner” or “NP”) stating that the individual is exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time-period for the medical reason.

Patrons with a medical exemption are required to present identification and a written document stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason to the business or organization.

To review proof of a medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19, the business or organization must ensure:

- The name of the person in the written documentation matches the identification provided.
- The physician’s or registered nurse in the extended class’s information is complete by including:
  - Name and contact information of the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
  - Logo or letterhead identifying the physician or registered nurse in the extended class;
  - Statement that there is a medical reason for the individual’s exemption from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
  - Any effective time-period for the medical reason which includes the date the patron is seeking access to the business or organization.

## **Active Screening**

As per *Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for areas at step 3 and the roadmap exit step* the person holding the permit for use of the facility must actively screen individuals who enter the facility in accordance with the advice, recommendations, and instructions of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health before they enter the facility.

This means that any renters (permit holders) of our facility will be required to actively screen individuals prior to them entering the facility.

The Municipality of North Middlesex has a QR Code present at the entrance of the facility in which the security guard will ask patrons to scan before entering (even those who are exempt from presenting proof of vaccination).

## **Contact Tracing**

The permit holder is responsible for the following:

- i. Record the name and contact information for every member of the public who enters the facility.
- ii. Maintain the records for a period of at least one month.
- iii. Only disclose the records to a medical officer of health or an inspector under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* on request for a purpose specified in section (2) of that Act or as otherwise required by law.

The QR code scanned for screening will also store the information for 30 days (as legislated) and acts as contact tracing as well.

## **Masking**

Any individual entering any North Middlesex Arena must wear a face mask that covers their mouth, nose, and chin unless exempt through the exemptions set out in subsection (4) of O.Reg 364/20.

Masks must be always worn in the arena. Users must wear them when entering the facility, while they are in the dressing rooms, and while exiting the arena. They may remove their mask when exiting the dressing room to go onto the ice surface but must put them back on when re-entering the dressing rooms after their ice time.

During games players do not require masks while on the bench; however, all coaching staff and trainers must wear masks while on the bench.

Spectators must always remain masked. They may pull their mask down in order to consume food and drink, but otherwise must remain masked even if they are physically distanced from people outside of their household.

## **Physical Distancing**

Users of arena must maintain a physical distance of at least 2 meters from anyone outside of their household. While on our ice surface participating in sport, physical distancing does not need to be maintained. The players bench acts as an extension of the playing surface during gameplay; therefore, physical distancing does not need to be maintained on the bench during sport.

## **Spectators/Capacity**

Each user groups safety plan will identify spectators in it. Staff at the North Middlesex Arena and Fitness Centre are recommending currently that one spectator be permitted per player. The Municipality of North Middlesex will be currently allowing no more than 200 spectators to comply with the COVID-19 requirements.

## **Public Skating and Moms & Tots Skating**

Public skating and Mom's and tot's skating will return this October. Both events will require interested users to pre-register for a skating time prior to that week's skating. All skaters over the age of 12 will be required to show proof of vaccination prior to skating, unless medically exempt.

## **Leaving the Facility**

We ask that all users leave the facility within 20 minutes after their rental time. This will leave staff enough time to fully disinfect their dressing room before the next user group arrives. If renters are habitual in not leaving the dressing room within 20 minutes, management reserves the right to refuse rental.

## Zero-Tolerance Policy

Any patrons who are abusive to the security guard, staff members, volunteers or other patrons will be removed from the facility and given notice of a one-week ban from North Middlesex Arena.

If a **SECOND OCCURRENCE** takes place after serving the first ban, the patron will receive a ban for the entire 2021-2022 hockey season.

All occurrences will be reviewed by facility management and the CAO to determine any further actions.

**THESE REGULATIONS ARE MANDATED BY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**