



## **Township of Woolwich Arenas Updated Safety Info for Participants/Spectators**

The Township of Woolwich is pleased to be welcoming you back! Following updated regulations from the Province of Ontario and Waterloo Region Public Health there will be some changes to the Covid-19 safety procedures / guidelines at the Woolwich Memorial Centre and the St. Jacobs arenas.

### **VACCINATION**

As per Ontario Regulation 645/21, **beginning September 22, 2021**, all individuals who are entering indoor municipal recreation facilities will be required to provide proof of vaccination along with ID.

**Exemptions** include:

- Individuals under 18 years old who are entering the facility to participate in sport (e.g., organized league, pre-registered drop-in, swim lessons, etc.). Hockey participants including players, coaches and volunteers should check and adhere to their Association's Return to Play protocols
- Children under 12 years old
- Individuals with a medical exemption. (A note from a doctor or registered nurse including a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and the effective time-period for the medical reason)

Individuals may show either a paper copy or an electronic PDF of their proof of vaccination. Beginning October 22, individuals may choose to use the QR code as issued by the provincial government.

Fully vaccinated is:

- The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines, or
- One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or
- Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and
- The final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine received at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

Acceptable forms of ID must include the name of the identification holder, and date of birth, these include:

- Birth certificate
- Citizenship card
- Driver's license
- Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including health card
- Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card



- Passport
- Permanent Resident card

## ENTRY & FACILITY USE

- Entrance for all ice use is through the main entrance
- Everyone entering the facility must prescreen – spectators are asked to screen through the Government of Ontario customer screening tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/customer/> and display the green checkmark upon entry. QR codes will be provided at the door. Hockey participants should continue to prescreen as per their Associations' protocols
- All participants under the age of 18 will be permitted access 15 minutes prior to their ice time and may go directly to the dressing room upon entry. We recommend that younger players come as dressed and ready as possible
- All spectators are asked to go directly to the participant viewing areas after vaccine screening. No lobby use is permitted – please dress for an arena setting
- No outside food or drink is allowed in the building at this time
- As per Regional and Provincial regulations every person inside the facility must wear a face covering and maintain 2m physical distancing
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance and must be used prior to entering the facility by all participants and spectators
- There will be no warm-ups or dryland training allowed in the facilities at this time
- Face coverings will be required in all areas of the facility including the dressing rooms up until you put your helmet on immediately before you are to enter the ice surface
- Face coverings must immediately be put back on at the conclusion of your ice time when you are in the dressing room. Participants must vacate the dressing room within 15 minutes of the end of their ice time. This timeline will be strictly enforced to allow for cleaning and sanitizing. Groups that do not adhere to this could possibly lose their remaining ice times on their permit
- Showers will not be available at this time
- We ask that all patrons show patience and respect to staff and other users as we adjust to these new rules and regulations