



## **Arena Re-Opening Plan: COVID-19 Update – August 26<sup>th</sup> 2020**

### **Introduction**

The Westside Recreation Centre Arena and its patrons are to follow all provincial guidelines in preventing and reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission amongst its staff, members and patrons.

### **Considerations and General Guidelines:**

The following guidelines as set by Westside Rec and AHS are intended to ensure best efforts in reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission amongst its staff, patrons, and the community. Safety is our priority one!

As per the Westside Recreation Centre Arena Rental Agreement, Group/Program Coordinators are responsible for the behavior of their participants while in our facility. We strongly encourage coordinators to ensure their participants are aware of and adhere to all Westside and Alberta Health Services guidelines as published for Stage 2 activity. Loss of rental may occur if rules are not adhered to.

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-andrecreation.pdf>.

Westside staff, volunteers, and patrons **must not enter** the Westside facility if they are sick, even if symptoms resemble a minor cold. Symptoms to look for include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, nasal congestion, headache, chills, muscle aches/pain, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, and a general feeling of being unwell.

Patrons are encouraged to use the Alberta Health Services self-screening tool before each visit to Westside <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/covid-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>.

User Group and Team Coordinators are responsible for isolating and sending patron's home if they are showing any COVID-19 symptoms, as well as immediately notifying AHS and Westside Administration of such incidents.

User Group and Team Coordinators are responsible for maintaining a current contact list of all participants who will be using Westside for their leagues/groups activity. And provide Westside with that list with their Arena Rental Agreement.

**As per AHS all ice users must adhere to the Cohort rule of 50 persons per Cohort group. Players cannot be in multiple Cohorts.**

**Adult leagues** – Must break down leagues into 4 teams of 12 or 3 teams of 16 (only 12 dress for that specific ice time) 2 Referees and one timekeeper off ice.

**Minor Hockey** – Must have max 30 on ice including coaches. If using Refs they must be part of that Cohort group.

**Considerations and General Guidelines, continued:**

User Group and Team Coordinators are responsible for ensuring their participant numbers at Westside do not exceed maximum levels set as per Westside guidelines.

**Rink Capacity** - Maximum Skaters/Participants on the Ice at one time 26 Adult League play. 30 Minor Hockey and Adult Pick-up Teams.

**Spectators** – Spectators are not permitted at this time. This policy will be updated once we are confident we can manage spectator access effectively and efficiently.

**Arriving at the Rink**

User Group and Team Coordinators are responsible for ensuring the timely and orderly access and egress to/from the arenas by their participants.

**Face Coverings** – Effective August 1st, the City of Calgary Bylaw requires that all users must wear a face covering while in the facility.

**Exceptions** to this by-law include:

- Participants on the ice surface and players benches
- Children under 2 years of age
- Persons with an underlying medical condition or disability which inhibits their ability to wear a face covering
- While consuming food or beverage

**Arrival Time** - Participants are required to arrive at the arena 15 minutes prior to their ice session. Participants are asked to enter and exit through the main doors of the arena North Entrance.

Participants, upon arrival, will proceed directly to their designated Dressing Room as directed by the TV monitor and markings. Participants are asked to remain in those areas until the commencement of the ice session. Do not enter player's boxes. Patrons are reminded to respect the 6 feet physical distancing measures, and not congregate at the gates or front entrance and hallway prior or after their session.

**Parent Support** – We will allow one parent with a mask to help tie skates but must leave the building ASAP. We ask that Minor Hockey groups come dressed and children that need help tying their skates wear skate guards if reasonable. Note: these measures are in place to ensure the safety of our Arena Staff and have the time required to clean and disinfect sensitive spaces before the upcoming session. Parents will be granted access 10 min after ice time for pick up.

**Change Room Facilities** – We will use our dressing rooms for changing. Players are encouraged to come dressed in their equipment as to promote proper social distancing in the change rooms. Dressing Room Showers will be made available for use. Urinals and Dressing Room toilets and sinks will be available for use. Participants can

enter their assigned Dressing Rooms between 15 minutes prior to their ice session. Participants are asked to vacate their Dressing Rooms no later than 20 minutes after the end of their ice session and proceed directly to exit the building. Parents may enter the building for pick up 10 min after ice time has completed.

**Max Dressing Room Capacity-** 12 per room for Adult League play. 14 for Minor Hockey and Adult Pick-up Teams.

**Max Ice Capacity Adult Leagues-** 26. (24 in Dressing Room 2 Refs in Ref Rooms)

**Max Ice Capacity Minor Hockey and Adult Pick-Up Leagues** 30. (28 in Dressing Rooms 2 in Ref/Coach Room) or any combination of that as long as it within Cohort and does not exceed max on ice.

**Dressing Room Assignment** - Two Dressing Rooms will be available for each ice time. Please refer to monitor for room designation. We will use **Dressing Room 5 and Ref Room 2 for Coaches and Refs.**

**Physical Distancing** – Patrons are asked to respect physical distancing in all off-ice spaces and to wait until hallways are clear of on-coming persons before entering. **New rules have extended field of play to player's benches and dressing rooms for close contact sport.**

#### **Facility and Services Information:**

- All Spectator Areas will be closed until further notice. Spectators and parents will not be allowed to stay in the arena to view the activity at this time. Spectator policy will be updated as we progress through the re-opening and feel safe to do so.
- Lost and Found Program will be suspended until further notice, except for valuables which will be held at the arena office for pick up. Arrangements can be made by calling 403.531.5875 Ext 234.
- Public Washrooms will be closed to the public until further notice.
- **Vending Machines** will not be in use. Water Fountains will be available for use only during ice time. Water bottle fill only. Please bring a full bottle.
- Bookings and Administration – Please contact Gary at 403.531.5875 ex234 or email [gelliott@westsiderec.com](mailto:gelliott@westsiderec.com)
- No tailgating in parking lot.
- Two nets per ice time.
- No equipment lending from facility (pucks shooter tooters tools).
- Please use hand sanitizing station when entering and exiting the facility.
- Dressing room doors will remain open on both sides.
- Please do not bring valuables into facility (select security lockers will be available bring your own lock.
- No Spitting

#### **Rapid Response Plan:**

Once a COVID-19 illness has been suspected/identified and Westside Staff have been notified, Westside Arena Staff will effect:

- Immediate isolation of the symptomatic participant from others, including arrangement for safe travel home (e.g., no public transit).
- First-Aid room will be isolation room
- Suspension or temporary cancellation of activity in the arena and spaces where the symptomatic participant visited.

- Cleaning and disinfecting of all equipment and surfaces that may have come into contact with the symptomatic participant.
- Performance of hand hygiene by remaining participants.
- Notify Alberta Health Services of the incident