



## **Arena Protocols**

The City of Oshawa has implemented the following COVID-19 measures in order to maintain a safe environment for public and staff with regards to use of City Arenas. Measures are developed in conjunction with current guidelines from Durham Region Public Health, Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework and Provincial Sport Organizations. Please review and be familiar with the following protocols:

### **Proof of Vaccination and Screening**

- Spectators 12 years of age and older are required to show proof of identification and of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
  - Proof of vaccination will not be required for players, coaches, and game officials.
- Players, coaches, spectators, and game officials are required to show proof of the successful completion of the City of Oshawa online COVID-19 screening at [www.oshawa.ca/screening](http://www.oshawa.ca/screening) prior to entering the facility.
- It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure all participants have completed the online screening prior to entering the facility.

### **Entry and Exit Protocols**

- All players, coaches, spectators, and game officials are required to wear a face mask/covering at all times inside the facility.
  - Players and game officials may only remove their face mask/covering before entering the arena surface.
  - Masks/face covering must be worn immediately upon leaving the arena surface.
- Teams may not have access to their assigned dressing more than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled time.
  - Players must remain in the change room until immediately prior to entering the arena surface.
  - Coaches must remain near the change room until entering the arena surface.
- Spectators are encouraged to remain outside the facility until the scheduled game/practice time.
- Coaches are required to ensure all team members exit the facility within 20 minutes of the conclusion of the game/practice.
- Spectators are encouraged to exit the facility immediately upon the conclusion of the game/practice.



## Additional Information

- A maximum of 40 participants, including players, coaches and instructors are allowed on the ice. Game officials do not count toward this number.
- To ensure physical distancing limited showers are available in change room at all facilities.
- Physical distancing is required within all areas of the facility.
- Player's benches are open. All bench personnel must wear a mask/face covering at all times.
- Warmups are not permitted inside of the facility.
- Signage in the facility must be adhered to.
- The permit holder and/or team lead must comply with either the [Ontario Hockey Federation](#), [Ontario Women's Hockey Association](#), [Ringette Ontario return to play guidelines and protocols](#), [Skate Ontario](#).

## Cleaning and Disinfecting Requirements

- City of Oshawa staff is responsible for and will be cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting touch points.
- Available washroom facilities will be cleaned as per [Public Health Guidelines](#).
- Coaches should wipe down sports equipment before and after each session.

## Respect Check Policy

- Individuals, organizations and user groups making use of city facilities are responsible for applying the council-approved Respect Check Policy to their programs, to champion ethical conduct, foster healthy and active lifestyles and create a safe and welcoming environment. The policy enforces a set of expectations to address inappropriate behaviours, violence and vandalism that negatively affects the experience of individuals or creates unsafe conditions in any City facility, in association with any service, program or event provided by or associated with the City of Oshawa. Additional information regarding this policy can be found on the City of Oshawa web-site <https://www.oshawa.ca/things-to-do/respect-check.asp>.

Failure to comply with the Respect Check Policy and/or COVID-19 Arena Protocols will result in the following steps being applied by City Staff to permit violators:

- First offence – Verbal warning
- Second offence – Removal of one scheduled ice time at the cost of the permit holder
- Third offence – Removal of three scheduled ice times at the cost of the permit holder
- Fourth offence – Permit holder will not be permitted ice time for the remainder of the 2020-2021 season.