

## Lou Jeffries Gananoque & TLTI Recreation Centre Facility Rental COVID-19 Protocols (Updated Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

**The Town of Gananoque is establishing these protocols in compliance with Provincial legislation and the guidelines as set out by the Ministry of Health and our local Health Unit. The Town and our staff are following these guidelines in order to do our best to keep our facility users safe, healthy and to reduce the chances of contacting COVID-19. The Town recognizes that each sport organization and association may have policies set that go above and beyond the regulations as set by the Provincial Government, and may hold their sport participants, coaches and officials to a higher standard as outlined in their own internal sport policies.**

**The Town of Gananoque Community Services Department extends our sincere gratitude for your ongoing patience as we implement this new provincial policy at our facility. The line-ups are expected to be a bit longer as we confirm proof of vaccination upon entering the arena in addition to screening and contact tracing.**

### COVID-19 Safety Plan

Permit Holders are required to provide a Covid-19 Safety Plan. The Manager of Community Services (or designate) must approve said plan.

### Contact Tracing and Screening

The Permit Holder is required to maintain a record of all persons who attend each booking (name & phone number) for the purpose of contact tracing. This includes all participants, coaches, team staff/volunteers, referees and officials. Contact tracing for spectators will be completed by hired security for the first two weeks of arena operations. The Contact Tracing information collected by the user group may be requested by the local public health unit if deemed necessary. Records must be kept for thirty (30) days by the Permit Holder. Records must be kept confidential and only shared to a medical officer of health or an inspector under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

A representative must be listed that will be the point of contact for the Ministry of Health to contact in the case of an outbreak and the health unit requests for the required contact tracing files.

The Permit Holder is responsible to ensure that everyone entering the facility has been screened for COVID-19. Any person who identifies as having any symptoms or fails the self screening tool should not enter the facility. For an up-to-date list of self-screening questions, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment>

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If anyone that visits the facility suspects that they have contracted COVID-19 or have come into close contact with someone that has contracted COVID-19, shall notify Town staff within twenty-four (24) hours.

## Double Vaccination

All persons entering the facility are required to be Fully Vaccinated, including the 14-day period after receiving their completed dose as of September 22, 2021. This legislation applies to all persons born in 2009 or earlier. (See exemptions noted below) Otherwise, all guests that enter the building will be asked to show the certificate (or QR code starting Oct 22) of double vaccination and I.D.

Any player or spectator that is unable to show a proof of double vaccination certificate will be asked to leave the building. If the guest refuses to show the certificate, the staff/security working the entrance shall contact the recreation facility staff and alert them of the issue and this person will be immediately be asked to leave the premises.

The following table explains Required vs Exempt from being Double Vaccinated.

<b>Vaccination Proof Required</b>	<b>Vaccination Proof <u>Not Required</u> EXEMPTIONS</b>
18+ unless exempted  18+ participating in Arena programs  Parents or guardians of youth participating in organized sports  Youth spectators (12-17), including at sporting events  Youth (12-17) not actively engaged in an organized sport (non-organized sport programs such as recreational skating, fitness classes and special interest courses)	Medical exemption (with documented proof from physician or by a registered nurse as outlined by the Ministry of Health, see guidelines)  Children under the age of 12  Youth under 18 who are actively participating in an organized sport (sports leagues, organized pick up sports)  Coaches and officials actively working or volunteering on the ice during the ice booking time.  Making payment or registering/booking for a Town service/program

## Facility Entrance

All permitted facility users are required to enter the facility using the main arena entrance. Doors will be opened twenty (20) minutes prior to the booking to allow the Permit Holder and users to enter the facility. Groups are encouraged to meet outside and all be ready to enter at exactly 20 minutes prior to the ice time booking. Doors will

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be immediately locked at the booking time. Once an individual exits the facility, re-entry is not permitted.

## Facility Exiting

User groups are to exit using the closest side door to their dressing Room. Please enter through the main doors but exit using the side doors.

## Physical distancing and face coverings/masks

Any individual who enters the facility MUST wear a face covering/mask in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin and maintain a physical distance of at least two (2) metres from any other individual who is using the facility, except while engaged in sport or seated as a spectator.

For greater clarification, face coverings/masks can be removed while participants are engaged in physical activity on the ice and while taking a break on the bench. Any coach or team staff that is not engaged in sport on the ice surface, must wear a face covering/mask. Spectators may remove their masks while seated in the stands. Any participants who are on the players bench for an extended period of time and not engaged in sport must wear a mask.

## Change rooms/areas

Change rooms are open with a capacity limit as stated below for each room. Signage will dictate the actual capacity on each change room door. Each booking will be assigned two (2) changing rooms and are NOT to exceed the posted capacities. Participants are strongly encouraged to come to the arena with as much gear on as safely possible, to ensure that all participants are ready to participate in time for the start of the booking. Once a participant is done in the changing room, they should proceed to the hall area to free up space in the changing room.

A representative/coach is required to be present in each changing room prior to participants arriving. It is the responsibility of the representatives/coaches to ensure that participants are following the set limits to the number of people allowed in each room, ensure players are physical distancing, wearing a face covering/mask, and abiding by all other facility procedures while in the changing room.

Participants may arrive up to twenty (20) minutes prior to their booking and must vacate the building twenty (20) minutes after they are off the ice. No loitering and/or congregating in the facility will be permitted.

## **The maximum number of participants in each dressing room:**

Dressing Room #1 = 8 skaters

Dressing Room #2 = 8 skaters

Dressing Room #3 = 8 skaters

Dressing Room #4 = 10 skaters

Dressing Room #5 = 6 skaters

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## Showers & Washrooms

Showers and washrooms are open. Players will only have 20 minutes of time to change and/or shower after the game and must exit the building 20 minutes after the game ends.

## Spectators

For all games, practices including Senior Islander games, permitted tournaments, and events, the total number of spectators has been set at 50% capacity which represents 300 people in the stands. Spectators are encouraged to select a seat keeping 2 meters apart from each other. However, spectators can sit next to members of their own household/bubble. Spectators must vacate the facility immediately following the booking, unless they are assisting a participant with removing their skates. No loitering and/or congregating in the facility including in any lobby areas will be permitted.

## Food and beverage

Participants are encouraged to bring a filled water bottle for individual use. The water bottle filling station is available upon entry to the arena. Our canteen service will not be in operation this season. Outside beverages (non-alcoholic) can be brought into the facility.

## Parking lot

The parking lot is considered part of the facility and all regulations regarding physical distancing and gathering limits apply. All facility users must ensure that the guidelines and regulations from the Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments along with the local Public Health Unit are followed.

## Flow of traffic

It is imperative that all guests of the facility refrain from loitering or congregating and adhere to the procedures and time limits for entry and exit. These rules are in place to ensure that everyone is provided the opportunity to maintain physical distancing, as well as to allow for Town staff to clean and disinfect all high touch points during and between bookings.

## Assumption of risk

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19, like many other viruses, is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments and Health Agencies continue to recommend the practice of physical distancing and the use of face coverings/masks.

While the Town of Gananoque has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Town cannot guarantee that facility users will not become infected with COVID-19, or any other virus. Further, attending programs or facilities in the Town of Gananoque could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19, or any other virus.