

RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL

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Town of Niverville Recreation Facilities

The Town of Niverville is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our user groups and staff. Facilities will only be accessible to participants of pre-arranged bookings; spectators will be limited.

General Guidelines

- Any visitors or players entering the facility are required to follow the rules posted, respect staff personnel and adhere to staff requests. If there are any questions please direct them to recreation staff or email feedback@whereyoubelong.ca.
- Self-screening is required for everyone prior to entering the facility. Please use the provincial screening tool available at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool>.
- Please stay home if you or any member of your household is experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms, regardless of its severity.
- Masks are strongly encouraged when in the facility for anyone over the age of 5 and who are not actively participating in an activity.
- Always remain two meters (6ft) apart except for brief exchanges and when actively participating in a sport or physical activity.
- Avoid congregating in common areas, such as the lobby of the facility.
- There will be COVID- 19 related signage throughout the facility reminding patrons of physical distancing guidelines, hand hygiene and cough etiquette.
- Follow guidelines from provincial and national sport organizations to minimize physical contact and risk of COVID-19 transmission between participants.
- Only allow for brief exchanges within two metres when participating in a sport or activity
- All users must bring their own labeled, prefilled water bottle. Sharing water bottles is prohibited and water fountains are not available for participants or spectators.
- Dryland training is not permitted in the facility.
- High contact surfaces will be sanitized by facility staff between each block session. If additional sanitization is desired during your session, users are welcome to do so with their own supplies.
- The renter is responsible for the actions of their group members.
- Renters will be required to keep a list of the members of their group and contact information for 21 days to ensure appropriate public health follow-up can take place if a participant is exposed to COVID-19.
- Each team/group will have a communication officer and any issues will be brought to their attention.

Failure to follow the guidelines listed could result in loss of ice time or denied rentals in the future.

Entering the Facility

- The East door of the facility will be clearly marked, “Entrance Only”.
- Upon arrival, every individual entering the building is required to use hand sanitizer located in the main lobby.
 - Doors will be open 15-20 minutes prior to ice time for participants to enter.
 - Participants are strongly encouraged to come fully dressed, minus helmets, skates, and gloves.
 - If required, one parent per player may enter the facility to assist their child; all others should wait in their vehicle.
 - Spectators will be allowed to enter starting 5 minutes before ice time. A nightly schedule will be posted on the doors and updated by arena staff if the schedule is delayed.
- ALL USERS are required to keep a list of the members of their group (participants, spectators, volunteers, etc.) and contact information for 21 days to ensure appropriate public health follow-up can take place if a participant is exposed to Covid-19. For hockey games, this requirement includes your team and the opposing team’s information.

Dressing Rooms

- Dressing rooms will have a maximum capacity and participants may only sit in approved areas. Social distancing must always be maintained.
- One adult per small child who requires assistance will be allowed in the dressing room and are to proceed to designated viewing areas immediately after the child(ren) are dressed.
- Showers will be closed until further notice.
- Coaches or volunteers will release players in staggered intervals to allow for social distancing to occur when heading to the ice surface; no congregating at the gate/doorway will be allowed.

On The Ice

- Ice capacity is per the current Manitoba Health Guidelines at the time of ice rental.
- Each group will be required to follow their specific sport organizations ‘return to play’ documents. If not under a provincial sport organization, please view documents from the provincial sport organization that you most closely resemble.
- Benches/penalty boxes will be available for games only.
- Maximum one player per penalty box. Users will need to be creative when penalties exceed the penalty box limit.
- Maximum one person in the timekeeper’s box. Only exception will be for users who reside in the same household.
- On ice drills should be designed to allow for physical distancing.

- Absolutely no spitting or fighting at any time. A zero-tolerance policy regarding spitting and fighting will be enforced and individuals may be asked to leave the premises and have future bookings suspended.
- Physical contact for goal celebrations is prohibited, including hugging and high fiving. There will be no handshakes at the conclusion of a game or scrimmage.

Spectators

- Spectators should avoid congregating in small or large groups anywhere in the facilities.
- Spectators will be required to sit in specific zones and adhering to stickers on bleachers and benches.
- Spectators are not allowed into the dressing room hallway.
- The upstairs viewing area will be closed until further notice.

Exiting the Facility

- The West door of the facility will be clearly marked, "Exit Only".
 - Spectators must leave immediately following the ice time, after on-ice participants have proceeded to the dressing room area.
 - Participants must leave the dressing rooms no later than 20 minutes after their ice time; a coach or designate will verify the exit is clear before releasing participants.

Sticks and Pucks/Public Skating

- Self-screening is required for everyone prior to entering the facility. Please use the provincial screening tool available at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool>.
- It is strongly recommended to sign up on the Town of Niverville's e-services website at <https://niverville.ws.townsuite.com/> at least one business day before. Last minute sign ups and waivers will be available at the entrance to the facility and will be required to be signed by a parent/guardian for anyone under the age of 18. Failure to have waiver signed will result in participant being denied access.
- Both public ice times will have limited numbers at a first come first served basis.
- Social distancing must happen when on the ice, and all physical contact is prohibited.
- Absolutely no spitting or fighting at any time. A zero-tolerance policy regarding spitting and fighting will be enforced and individuals may be asked to leave the premises and have future bookings suspended.

South End

- The East door of the facility will be clearly marked, "Entrance Only".
- Renters will be allowed into the facility no more than 5 minutes before the rental.
- Exiting the South End will be through the South Door marked "Exit Only"