

## **NORFOLK COUNTY ARENA RENTAL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (Fall/Winter)**

For all Norfolk County indoor venue rentals, you must read, sign and date this document.

All rental permits must be signed and paid for prior to the permit start date. This waiver and agreement is an integral part of the rental contract as indicated at the bottom of this Waiver.

All rentals held on municipal property are required to abide by the advice, recommendations, directives and/or regulations established by the following:

1. The provincial government, or any of its agencies.
2. The federal government, or any of its agencies.
3. The Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit and/or its Medical Officer of Health.

### **You acknowledge the following:**

- in the event of an increase in COVID-19 cases, provincial advice, recommendations, directives and/or regulations could change and/or the municipality or Health Unit/Medical Officer of Health could modify the number of participants at gatherings and/or result in the cancellation of rental permits.
- the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit may issue additional advice, recommendations or instructions beyond the criteria established by the province and the federal government and that your rental permit must be carried out in accordance with any such advice, recommendations or instructions and it is your responsibility to confirm with the Health Unit what advice, recommendations, directives, or orders may be in place from time to time. You are encouraged to check the Health Unit website for more information.

### **By signing this document, you agree that you will comply with the following (if and where applicable):**

- Ontario COVID-19: public health and workplace safety measures  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/enhancing-public-health-and-workplace-safety-measures-provincewide-shutdown>
- Guidance for facilities for sports and recreational fitness activities during COVID-19  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/guidance-facilities-sports-and-recreational-fitness-activities-during-covid-19>
- Guidance for meeting and event facilities in COVID-19  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/guidance-meeting-and-event-facilities-during-covid-19#section-0>
- Applicable O. Reg's including, 82/20 (Shutdown and Step 1), 263/20 (Step 2), 364/20 (Step 3 and Roadmap Exit Step – includes Active Screening and Proof of Vaccination):  
Shutdown and Step 1: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200082>

Step 2: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200263>

Step 3 and Roadmap Exit Step: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364>

- This includes active screening of patrons and proof of vaccination screening, as described more fully below and within the regulation.
- The Federal Government of Canada Risk Mitigation Tool for Gatherings and Events Operating during the COVID-19 Pandemic  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html>
- Ontario Ministry of Health: Gatherings, Ethno-Cultural and Festive Occasions, and other Events  
[https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/holiday\\_gathering\\_advice.pdf](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/holiday_gathering_advice.pdf)
- The renter acknowledges and agrees that while municipal property is in use for the facility rental the renter is responsible for ensuring any applicable COVID-19 regulations, advice, recommendations, or directives from any level of government and the HNHU and/or Medical Officer of Health are in place and adhered to by all participants.
- The renter acknowledges and agrees that for the purposes of this rental, they have read and agree to abide by the Norfolk County Ice Allocation and Conditions of Use Policy
- The renter will provide, together with its signed rental agreement, a certificate of insurance with a limit of liability of not less than Two Million Dollars per occurrence, Norfolk County named as an additional insured, and containing a provision for cross liability in respect of the named insured.

#### **Arena Rental Guidelines / Requirements:**

- Face masks/coverings must be worn at all times throughout the facility—with the exception of while users are on the ice (helmet on/face mask or covering off; helmet off/face mask or covering on)
- **A maximum of 40 skaters/players will be allowed on the ice plus coaches and officials**
- **Coaches must wear masks/face coverings at all times on the bench**
- Foam dividers/pylons will be allowed for half-ice pad play. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to sanitize the equipment and to place/clear dividers within the approved rental time.
- Tournaments will be permitted this season with an approved safety plan

#### **The renter (or his/her designate):**

- must provide facility staff a list of participants and parents/guardians who have a face mask/covering exemption
- will be identified as the contact for the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit (i.e. for future contact tracing)

- will be responsible for sharing these protocols with those who will be participating in the ice rental including members of visiting teams and game officials
- is responsible to ensure that all participants have screened before entry to the building and all other participants who will be present on and around the ice pad, i.e. referees, timekeepers. No one will be permitted to enter the facility until the rental permit holder (or designate) is on-site and ready to ensure that all participants have screened
- will monitor the spectator seating area to ensure that all COVID-19 protocols are followed (such as: wearing face masks/coverings; social distancing)

**Proof of Vaccination Requirements (as of September 22, 2021):**

- As of September 22, patrons must be fully vaccinated (2 doses + 14 days) to enter a recreational facility. Those included are:
  - Adult (18+) patrons accessing the facility for any purpose, including parents or guardians, of youth participating in an organized sport, walkers & the general public.
  - Youth (12+) that are spectating and not actively participating.
- Those not required are:
  - youth under the age of 18 actively participating in an organized sport
  - workers, coaches & volunteers

**Proof of Vaccination and Active Screening is a requirement of the Province**

- All players, coaches, spectators must complete the active screening process whether electronically by QR code, or by signing a paper copy located at the entrance to the facility. Failure to complete the screening process and or proof of vaccination process, by all participants, may result in ice contracts being cancelled.
- Access to the building is to be done from the Front Entrance Only, all other doors to the facility are to remain closed at all times, unless for Emergency Exit only. If anyone is caught by-passing the vaccination certification/active screening process/entrance by entering from a door that has been opened by another member all those involved will be ejected from the facility.

**Dressing Rooms:**

- Face masks/coverings must be worn at all times while in a dressing room
- Participants will be able to access dressing rooms no more than 20 minutes prior to their scheduled rental time and must leave within 20 minutes after leaving the ice surface

**Multi-Purpose Room Rentals:**

- Face masks/coverings must be worn at all times. When consuming food or drink, participants may remove their face mask/covering for this purpose. However, they must remain socially distanced while eating/drinking and, once finished, put on their face mask/covering

**Designated Seating (Stands) and Common Areas:**

- Face masks/coverings must be worn at all times while seated in the stands or other designated seating areas. Spectators in designated seating areas who wish to consume food or drink are permitted to do so and may remove their face mask/covering for this purpose. However, they must remain socially distanced while eating/drinking and, once finished, put on their face mask/covering

- Concessions may be open. If applicable, participants are encouraged to visit the concessions to support these local community groups/businesses (**Concessions and Vending Machines are currently unavailable until further notice**)

#### **Waiver**

- The renter acknowledges and agrees that the use of County property may include possible exposure to, and illness from, infectious diseases such as COVID-19. The renter knowingly and freely assumes all such risks and acknowledges and agrees that by signing this form required as part of the rental process extends and applies to any cause of action related to COVID-19 or any other infectious disease.
- The renter acknowledges and agrees that Norfolk County may at any time amend or add additional requirements as it deems necessary, which includes immediate termination of the event on the basis of any provincial order, other advice, recommendations, directives or order that may impact the use of municipal property. Discovery of non-compliance with any of these obligations may result in immediate termination of the rental contract and the renter's right to use the municipal property.
- Norfolk County shall not be responsible for any losses to the renter from any termination of the rental contract.
- The undersigned has read and on behalf of the renter agrees to be bound by this rental agreement and the terms and conditions contained herein and/or attached hereto. The renter hereby releases, holds harmless and indemnifies the County, including its employees, elected officials, servants, agents, representatives, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, causes of action, demands, damages, losses, costs, charges, expenses and fees, including legal fees, or other proceedings of any kind or nature brought against, suffered by or imposed on the County arising from the rental and use by the renter of County facilities, save and except for claims or proceedings arising out of the County's own negligence, whether by act or omission.