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### 1. Statement

The Township of Whitewater Region's goal is to ensure that the health and safety of community users, staff and the public have the necessary information to safely enter all arenas open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to ensure all users of our facilities follow and apply this to the entry and usage of the facility. This document will be reviewed on an ongoing basis or as necessary and will be focused on the safety of the public.

### 3. Procedures

- 3.1 Users will follow Public Health COVID-19 guidelines established by Health Officials and/or the Provincial government until public health measures are lifted and the Township applies this to their protocols.
- 3.2 **Face Masks:** Face masks must be worn in any public area of the facility including but not limited to:
  - Lobby, or
  - Hallways, or
  - Washrooms; and
  - Stands.Participants engaged in organized sports will not be required to wear face masks during on-ice sessions.
- 3.3 Entrance and exit to the facilities will occur at the main entrance of all arenas.
- 3.4 Dressing rooms will be permitted. Toilets and showers in dressing rooms are available currently.
- 3.5 Users are to arrive no more than **30** minutes before their assigned rental and will be given access at that time. Users will depart within **30** minutes of the conclusion of their scheduled time.

- 3.6 There are no maximum number of participants on the ice at this time.
- 3.7 The Township of Whitewater Region may require any user(s) or spectator to vacate the premise if there is a determination by facility staff that a gathering exceeds any applicable gathering restriction, when applicable.
- 3.8 Users must wear a face covering in the change rooms until they are engaged in play. This also applies to any patrons using the Upstairs Hall at either the Cobden or Westmeath Arenas.
- 3.9 Dressing rooms will be disinfected at appropriate intervals.
- 3.10 Officials will have access to the facility and dressing rooms 30 minutes prior to games and must depart within 30 minutes following conclusion of games. Officials are to wear a face covering in the change rooms until they are engaged in play.
- 3.11 CCHL Tier II office space and storage room access will be permitted during CCHL Tier II games and practice times **ONLY**. Access to the office space and storage room outside their scheduled ice times will not be permitted. Facility staff will open the office and storage room during scheduled ice bookings.
- 3.12 Public washrooms will be available to participants and the public with distancing measures put in place. Washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis.
- 3.13 It is the responsibility of the players, groups or organization to sanitize and disinfect their equipment before returning to the Facility.
- 3.14 Leagues must follow Health Official guidelines.
- 3.15 Users will provide their own filled water bottles.

- 3.16 All regular users are required to sign a Facility User Group Agreement as part of by-law # 18-06-1082 Ice and Facility Allocation Policy. The Township of Whitewater Region must have a signed copy before the first ice rental. Users who do not sign a Facility User Group Agreement will not be allowed on the ice.
- 3.17 The Beachburg Arena canteen will be open to the public. All other canteens will be closed at this time.
- 3.18 Food and drink may be consumed in the facility. Patron(s) must be seated and can remove their mask. Mask must be put back on immediately after food is consumed. Prolonged periods of unmasking is prohibited.
- 3.19 Hand sanitizers will be available for use at the entrance/exit of each facility. Facility users will be expected to provide hand sanitizer to their rental groups and are encouraged to wash their hands frequently. Cough, sneeze into your sleeve, preferable into your elbow. If tissues are used, discard immediately into the available garbage receptacles.
- 3.20 No spitting or other bodily fluids on the players benches, ice surface or in the facility is permitted.
- 3.21 Commonly touched surfaces and designated dressing areas will be cleaned by staff on a regular basis. Staff will not share any equipment.
- 3.22 We expect anyone entering the facility to respect all protocols and direction by the Township of Whitewater Region facility staff. Please ensure you are aware of the procedures and the importance of physical distancing upon entering the facility. It is the responsibility of teams to relay the importance of this information to your group.

### 4. Screening

- 4.1 If you have been in close contact with someone infected by COVID-19, with high chances of being infected yourself, please consider the safety of your community and stay at home. You will also be asked not to come into physical contact with any other staff members or user groups during this time.
- 4.2 If you have the following symptoms, please stay home.
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - temperature equal to or more than 38°C
  - feeling feverish
  - chills
  - fatigue or weakness
  - muscle or body aches
  - new loss of smell or taste
  - headache
  - abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting
  - feeling very unwell
- 4.3 If you have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, follow isolation protocols specified by the Province and Renfrew County District Health Unit.