

# Rothesay Arena

## COVID-19 TOWN REOPENING OPERATIONAL PLAN



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## INTRODUCTION

Rothesay Arena will continue to follow the Provincial State of Emergency, the Provincial Recovery Plan, as well as the guidance and direction of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) in regard to the facility and its operation.

The current phase of this plan (Phase 1) will allow some activity to return to the Rothesay Arena. Given the likelihood that more than 50 persons will be in the facility at the same time, a screening process is required for the facility. Physical distancing measures of 2 metres will be required unless exempted as per the CMOH guidelines. If masks are worn, 1 metre physical distancing is permitted. Traffic flow and disinfecting measures will be implemented. The Rothesay Arena will limit access to areas of the facility either due to inability to ensure physical distancing (as per the Provincial Order) or to manage the facility with limited resources in the face of added requirements in response to COVID-19.

Future phases of this Operational Plan will also follow the Provincial State of Emergency, the Provincial Recovery Plan, as well as the guidance and direction of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health as they change and will be updated at the discretion of the Rothesay Arena.

While some of the changes may present an adjustment and potential inconvenience, all new health and safety measures are essential to our ability to open the facility. For the safety of our entire community, we appreciate your adherence and understanding.

## ON-ICE MEASURES

Each group on the ice shall be represented by an organization or oversight agency with an Operational Plan that the group on the ice is expected to follow. These plans shall follow the guidance of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. Operational Plans shall be provided to the Rothesay Arena prior to on ice activities and must adhere to the requirements laid out in the Rothesay Arena's Operational Plan.

The current Provincial Mandatory Order allows sports to be played when done in compliance with the Chief Medical Officer of Health guidelines. It is recognized that when sports are played that 2 metres may not always be maintained between participants. As per the requirements of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, a risk mitigation plan must be developed by the group on the ice. Exemptions to physical distancing requirements as per the Provincial Order.

Please note that groups will need to be creative when it comes to penalties, as only 1 player is permitted in the penalty box at a time. Only 7 players can sit on the bench at a time and social distance. These areas will be marked.

## Traffic Flow & SIGNAGE

The entrance and exit will be clearly marked for access into the facility. Markings and/or signage within the facility will be installed to further limit cross flow of traffic. Signage will also be posted to emphasize to patrons, guests, and staff the importance of frequent handwashing and proper hygiene practices.

## Spacing between User Groups

Users are to arrive no more than **15 minutes** before their scheduled ice time and **leave immediately after**. The cooperation of groups in respect to these time parameters is important in ensuring/maintaining safe traffic flow and managing the number of individuals inside the facility.

## Food & Beverages

Food and beverage services will not be permitted. **No food or beverage** is to be brought into the facility, with the exception of water for the participants. There will be no sharing of water bottles and water must not be dumped onto the ice surface.

## Public Skating and Non-Affiliated Ice Rentals

During Phase 1, Public Skating and birthday party/one-off rentals will not be permitted.

## Storage

Organizations that currently have storage at the facility will need to address how they plan on managing this space in their Operational Plan. The organization will be responsible for sanitizing these rooms, its contents, and managing access. No other storage in the facility will be permitted.

## Dressing Rooms/Warming Rooms

**Phase 1:** Dressing rooms and warming rooms will not be available in Phase 1. Groups are expected to arrive at the facility ready to go on the ice with the exception of the need to put on skates. Users are encouraged to use skate guards if possible. Seating will be set up for users to put on skates.

**Phase 2:** Adult groups will be permitted use of the dressing rooms with the requirement that **community face masks be worn at all times**, including all common areas as cross flow traffic will happen. Use of the showers and washrooms will not be permitted in Phase 2. Warming rooms will remain closed. Adult groups going on the ice after a youth group are required to use the change room farthest away from the exits to avoid cross traffic flow with the youth group.

**Phase 3:** (Date TBD) All groups will be permitted use of the dressing rooms with the requirement that **community face masks be worn at all times**, including all common areas as cross flow traffic will happen. Use of the showers and washrooms will not be permitted in Phase 3. Warming rooms will remain closed.

## Spectators

Spectators will be limited to **one person per player** and must maintain social distancing of 2 metres while in the facility unless community face masks are worn in which case 1 metre is acceptable. There are certain areas in the facility where walkways will be narrow. All spectators are limited to the open sections of stands and are not permitted to spectate from any other area in the facility (i.e. spectators cannot stand beside the glass).

## Spitting

There is no spitting permitted in the facility. This will be strongly enforced and you will be asked to leave the premises and future programming privileges may be revoked/suspended.

## Facility Sanitizing

Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces such as interior/exterior door handles and railings will be completed by staff at least twice daily.

Washrooms are to be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis throughout the day by staff, at least twice daily.

Benches, ice rink gate handles, chairs and the announcer booth are to be sanitized between each user group by staff, unless any of these areas are not used between two groups. These are off-ice locations common to each group.

## Hand Washing Facilities

Handwashing areas will be available in the public washrooms.

## Employee Interactions

Physical distancing of 2 metres between employees, and between employees and the general public within the facility. Face masks will be worn by the employee when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Individuals that come within 2 metres of Rothesay Arena employees without wearing a mask may be asked by the employee to correct behaviours and may be asked to leave the facility if the request is not honoured.

## Employee Screening

The Rothesay Arena will implement a self screening process following specific screening questions prior to the start of the shift which all employees are required to complete.

## Patron Screening

Patrons entering the Rothesay Arena are required to document time and contact information through a screening process form provided by the Rothesay Arena (Visitor Health Assessment Form). It will be the responsibility of the group renting the ice time to manage this information and supply it to the Rothesay Arena when requested. This needs to be incorporated into the organizations' Operational Plan. Any patron/participant showing symptoms shall not enter the facility and should immediately return home and call 811 should symptoms present themselves while at the facility.

## ILLNESS OR SYMPTOMS WITH BOTH STAFF & PATRONS/PARTICIPANTS

**Patron/Participant:** Should a patron/participant develop symptoms during their time in the facility, they will leave the facility immediately and contact 811 and follow their direction. The affected patron/participant will be required to contact 811 as recommended by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province of New Brunswick. Should they be tested and found positive for COVID-19, we will follow the communication protocols listed below.

**Staff:** If a staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19, they will leave the facility immediately and contact their Manager. The affected employee will be required to contact 811 as recommended by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province of New Brunswick.

**Protocols:** Regional Public Health will be involved to manage any instances or outbreak and ensure contacts are identified; public health measures are in place and will lead any communication that is required.

### Closure of the Facility

The facility will close and cannot reopen under the direction of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. The closure of the facility may be directed if there is an outbreak of COVID-19, a change in the Provincial Mandatory Order, or any other case as directed by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

In addition to the appendices attached to this Operational Plan, please visit the following links for additional resources:

- Hockey NB Return to Play Guidelines - <https://bit.ly/3gd6Jlv>
- CARHA Hockey recommendations - <https://bit.ly/3azDbwR>
- Government of NB Website - <https://bit.ly/2EaSU9E>
- COVID-19 Operational Plan Guide - <https://bit.ly/2QfWrWV>

User groups will be provided a copy of the Rothesay Arena COVID-19 Operational plan and must sign that they have read and agree to the plan. It is the responsibility of the individual renting the ice times to disseminate the information to all of their users and that they clearly understand the protocols in place and what to expected before arriving, and while inside the facility. Individual ice rental users must abide by the facility operational plan.

We acknowledge receipt of the Operational Plan from the Rothesay Arena and agree to adhere to and be bound by the protocols laid out in said plan. We also acknowledge that the information contained in this document has been reviewed and shared with all parties/persons required including the appendices (Rothesay ArenaTraffic Flow, Visitor Health Assessment Protocol, etc.).

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**TITLE/ORGANIZATION:**

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**