

City of Melville COVID-19 Guidelines for Summer Ice Users

Group and Individual Activities

Indoor sports and recreational activities may resume on July 6, 2020. This document is outlining how the City of Melville is implementing measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

COVID-19 droplet transmission is much more likely when individuals are in close contact. The likelihood of transmission between individuals participating in sport, physical activity and recreation in an indoor setting is significantly higher. Transmission is less likely in an outdoor setting, where air flow is greater and there is more space for individuals to keep physically distanced.

The City of Melville continues to work closely with our local Saskatchewan Health Authority Public Health Officer to ensure Provincial Government regulations are in place and being followed by facility workers, participants, coaches, staff, volunteers, instructors, officials and spectators.

Guidelines for General Operation for Staff and Participants

- This document is provided to the Staff and participants for information on physical distancing and other requirements prior to attending scheduled ice rentals.
- Participants are not to arrive more than **10 MINUTES** before the scheduled activity to reduce people gathering in groups.
- Participants are required to wait in their vehicles or if social distancing protocol is being followed, they can wait outside the Administration/Players Entrance Door until a City of Melville Staff member allows them entrance to the building.
- Drinking fountains will remain closed, participants are required to bring their own personally marked water bottle- sharing of personal items is prohibited.
- Participants are required to arrive dressed in their appropriate equipment/outfit and will be allowed onto the players benches ONLY to put on/off skates. **Physical Distancing must be maintained while on benches.**
- Participants unable to tie skates must be dropped off with their skates on or pre-arranged with their coach/instructor to have them tie their skates.
- Participants are required to use hand sanitizer prior to entering the building.
- A City of Melville Staff member will inform each group when the premises has been disinfected and is ready for their use, upon entrance to the building participants are required to use hand sanitizer.
- Participants must immediately make their way to the players benches upon entering the building and avoid all other areas in the facility.
- Participants are not permitted use of shower facilities. A bathroom will be provided
- If the bathroom facility is utilized, the coach/instructor **MUST** inform City Staff to ensure disinfection procedures are followed. This bathroom is NOT to be utilized as a change room.
- Participants will be required to vacate the building within **10 MINUTES of** their assigned ice time to allow the staff to disinfect the facility prior to the next group entering.
- **Parents/Spectators are not permitted within the facility.** Only participants and coaching staff/instructors that will be utilizing the ice surface are permitted.

- The upstairs concourse, dressing rooms, meeting rooms, storage areas and any other facility space is not permitted for use.
- Participants are to remain with their coach/instructor at all times. Coaches/Instructors are to ensure all participants remain within their view to ensure additional surfaces are not being touched and that there is no loitering within the building.
- Coaches/Instructors are to provide the Recreation & Programming Manager the number of participants in each group including all coaching staff, instructors and volunteers that will be in the building with each group prior to their first start date.
- Instructors are to provide the City Administration Office with daily attendance sheets at the end each day.

Competition and Game Play

- If physical distancing is possible, certain individual and group organized sports, physical activities and recreation activities may proceed as normal while following the guidelines for general operations, cleaning and disinfection, etc.
- Tournaments and interprovincial competition are not permitted.
- For sports or activities where participants are unable to adhere to physical distancing, groupings (mini leagues) should be formed. Mini leagues can be comprised of multiple teams, but no more than 50 individuals.
 - Mini leagues allow sports teams to return to a safe level of play and will help mitigate the risk of widespread transmission by limiting the number of athletes that come in close contact with each other.
- The 50-person maximum per mini-league includes coaches/staff, instructors, participants from multiple teams, officials and volunteers who cannot always maintain two meters of distancing from others.
- No single group on the ice surface, shall exceed the gathering limits in the public health order (30).
- Teams need to be separated while on the sidelines, and players cannot exceed gathering limits during games, practices or training.
- Mini leagues must be comprised of individuals within the same neighborhood, community, or local geographical region (e.g. with a rural municipality, town, quadrant of a city or nearest community).
- Mini leagues should remain together until restrictions are further relaxed.
- Game play can resume between teams in a mini-league and must be limited to teams within the same mini-league.
- Teams in different mini leagues should not play each other.
- At least two meters distancing should be maintained between all individuals, except members of the same household, when off the field of play (e.g. benches, during intermission).

Participant Health and Illness

- Participants/Staff who are sick or symptomatic must not enter/participate. Participants/Staff should use the [Government of Saskatchewan's self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions.
- Participants whose activities involve being within two meters of other players should self-monitor and consider bringing and wearing a mask.
- Coaches/Instructors are permitted with no contact and appropriate physical distancing is required. If physical distancing cannot be maintained or is unpredictable, a mask should be brought and worn by the coach/instructor.

Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing must be observed at all times, distancing of two meters of space between individuals is required.
 - Players on the same team grouping may be within two metres during play/drills. Intentional contact should be minimized where possible.
- Wherever possible physical distancing will be promoted by:
 - One-way traffic flow to avoid individuals from inadvertently interacting.
 - Allowance of only one group at a time in the building.

Hand Hygiene

- Hand hygiene must be practiced prior to play and use of shared equipment, as well as throughout the duration of the activity (e.g. intermissions, breaks, etc.) and at the end of their scheduled sessions.

Conduct

- Spitting (includes seeds, tobacco and fluids) and other similar activities increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and are not permitted.
- Individuals must not share personal items (i.e. equipment or beverage containers).
- Congratulatory gestures such as high fives and handshakes are not permitted.
- Coaches/Instructors should try to minimize cheering and whistling as much as possible to control the spread of COVID-19.
- Intentional contact during sport or activity must be limited. Modifications to activities that limit physical contact are recommended.

The City of Melville's Parks & Recreation Management Team and Staff thank you for adhering to our Summer Ice Guideline Document. By following the guidelines, you are helping limit the spread of COVID-19 and making staff and participant safety a top priority. We understand with the implementation of new guidelines we may run into situations that need adjustments, we thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate these changes. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yes we can and together we will!

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