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## **FRONTENAC COMMUNITY ARENA RETURN TO HOCKEY** **~RESPONSE TO COVID~**

The goal of the Frontenac Community Arena (FCA) and Arena Board is to work together to ensure that we can return to hockey while maintaining a safe and healthy playing environment. The protocols and terms listed below have been established through adhering to the Provincial Step 3 Restrictions and through the guidance of the KFLA Public Health. It is important to remember that restrictions may continue to ease throughout the season if we all do our part to reduce the spread of COVID 19. Restrictions may be subject to change as the situation evolves and if required to maintain the safety of Staff/ Patrons.

***Your various Organizations/ Leagues may also have additional practices/ protocols in place above what the Province has implemented.***

***The group organizer is responsible to ensure that all protocols below are followed.***

### **Return to Hockey- WHAT TO EXPECT**

**Here's how we're doing it:**

1. Group Organizers review protocol/terms and share with players.
2. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination requirements to enter the Arena
3. The Sign In/Screening form must be completed once you enter the Arena during booking.
4. All individuals must enter through the arena front doors and sanitize their hands.
5. All individuals must exit via the back west hallway/ northwest side of building to reduce contact with other individuals.
6. Capacity limits for 'On' and 'Off' Ice activities are as per what is outlined below.
7. Dressing Rooms are open with capacity restrictions and masking requirements.
8. Individuals must maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters (6 feet) from anyone that is not in their 'Social Circle'.
9. A mask covering both the mouth and nose is required to be worn at all times while in the FCA with the exception of individuals that are participating in physical activity or while resting on player's bench.



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## **Frontenac Community Arena Protocols and Terms**

### **User Terms and Agreement**

- It is the responsibility of the group organizer that is renting the ice for a particular timeslot to ensure that;
  - all of the following protocols, restrictions and terms are reviewed and the user agreement is signed prior to confirmation of seasonal ice booking.
  - a copy of any restrictions or protocols established by your groups/leagues or governing bodies are shared with the Arena Manager.
  - all participants involved in the activity adhere to the Provincial and FCA restrictions and protocols.
  - the Arena Sign In/ screening form is completed upon entry of the Arena during your booked time. This form must be kept in the binder in the front lobby of the Arena. ***Anyone that 'fails' the Participant Assessment or 'refuses' to participate should not be permitted access to the Arena.***
  - **Confirmation of COVID-19 vaccination requirements to enter the Arena**
  - If anyone that visits the facility suspects that they have contracted COVID-19 or have come into close contact with someone that has contracted COVID-19, you shall notify the Arena within twenty-four (24) hours. For more information on COVID-19 and COVID-19 Assessment Centres, visit <https://www.kflaph.ca/en/healthy-living/novel-coronavirus.aspx> or contact KFL&A Public Health at 1-800-267-7875.

### **Entry Procedure**

- The Main Entrance of the FCA will be open for accessing the arena.
- All individuals must enter through the arena front doors and sanitize their hands using the Arena supplied hand sanitizer.
- The group organizer should arrive early to manage entry and ensure that all members of the group are completing the Sign In/ Screening process and confirmation of vaccinations.
- Participants are encouraged to fill their own water bottle before arriving.



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## COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements

As per the direction of the Province of Ontario, the Frontenac Arena is implementing proof of COVID-19 vaccination requirements to enter the facility effective **Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021**.

The following groups of individuals will be required to provide proof of full vaccination or medical exemption to enter the Arena.

- A participant 18 years old or older

OR

- A spectator or companion **not actively participating in a program or organized activity** who is 12 years old or older

## What proof do I need to show?

Individuals who fall into the above criteria must show government issued photo ID and proof of full vaccination. Full vaccination is defined by the Province as:

- The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines, OR
- One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, OR
- Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; AND
- They received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

## Medical Exemptions

Individuals who have a medical exemption that allows them to participate or enter our facilities without being vaccinated must provide written documentation that has been completed and supplied by a physician (designated as "MD") or by a registered nurse in the extended class (designated as "Registered Nurse (Extended Class)", "RN(EC)", "Nurse Practitioner" or "NP") stating that the individual is exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time-period for the medical reason.

Should individuals be unable to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or medical exemption upon attempted entry, they will be turned away and may not be eligible to receive a refund for any fees paid. For additional provincial COVID-19 information please visit [www.covid-19.ontario.ca](http://www.covid-19.ontario.ca).



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## **Physical Distancing and Requirements for Face Coverings/Masks**

- Individuals must maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters (6 feet) from anyone using the facility except while engaged in sport or seated as a spectator.
- Face covering/mask covering both the mouth and nose are required to be worn at all times while in the FCA with the exception of individuals that are participating in physical activity or while resting on player's bench.

## **Departure from Arena**

- Once on ice activities are completed, players are to get dressed and immediately leave via the back west hallway/ northwest side of building to reduce contact with other individuals.
- The Group Organizer must ensure that;
  - All garbage and equipment is removed from designated areas, players benches and timekeepers box. Garbage bags will be provided and garbage should be placed in the outdoor bin upon departure.

## **Dressing Rooms**

- Face covering/mask covering both the mouth and nose are to be worn in dressing rooms and distancing is to be maintained as much as possible.
- Dressing rooms are open with a capacity of ten (10) per room.
- Each group will be assigned two (2) dressing rooms. Group organizers are responsible to manage the use of the rooms and are not to exceed capacity.
- It is recommended that individuals using dressing rooms distance as best that they can based on what the space allows.
- All individuals are strongly encouraged to come to the arena with as much gear on as safely possible, to allow for quick transition.
- Hallways and the open area at the ends of the pad are also available for use by the groups.
- It is the responsibility of the group organizer to ensure that participants are physical distancing, wearing a face covering/mask, while in dressing rooms.
- Showers are NOT available at this time.

## **Players Benches**

- Players that are coming on and off the ice as part of 'active play' will not be required to wear masks
- Players that are on the bench and not involved in 'active play' (i.e. seeing no game time) are required to wear a mask
- Coaches must wear a mask while on the bench.



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## Capacity for FCA and Ice

### On Ice Capacity Limits

- The current capacity for on ice group activities (including goalies and any on-ice coaches, trainers, volunteers) per fifty (50) minute time slot is **thirty-four (34)**.
- The current capacity for on-ice officials per fifty (50) minute time slot is four (4).
- The current capacity of coaches, trainers and team staff/volunteers assisting off the ice per fifty (50) minute time slot is ten (10).
- The current capacity for Public Skating is fifty (50)

### Off Ice/Spectator Capacity Limits

- The current capacity for spectators is limited to two (2) individuals per participant for a total of **sixty-eight (68) spectators**.
- Spectators must relocate to the bleachers or viewing areas at ends of ice as soon as they are done assisting participants with putting on their skates.
- Spectators must vacate the facility immediately following the booking using the back west hallway/ northwest side of building to reduce contact with other individuals.
- No loitering and or congregating in the facility including in any lobby areas.

## Compliance with Public Health Requirements

Individuals who do not comply with Province of Ontario or KFL&A Public Health requirements may be subject to fines of \$750 to \$1000 with a maximum fine of \$100,000.

## Altercations with Arena Staff or Volunteers

Our hope is that everyone who enters the Arena to participate in or view on ice activities respects the Frontenac Arena and Provincial Guidelines. Anyone that does not comply or that shows any aggression towards Staff/Volunteers will be asked to leave the Arena and, in extreme cases, may be banned from the Arena grounds. The Ontario Provincial Police will be notified where warranted.



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### **Assumption of risk**

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19, like many other viruses, is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments and Health Agencies continue to recommend the practice of physical distancing and the use of face coverings/masks.

While the Frontenac Community Arena continues to work under the guidance of our Public Health to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Frontenac Arena cannot guarantee that you and/or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19, or any other virus.

***The Frontenac Community Arena (FCA) and Arena Board thanks you all for your cooperation and support as we work together to keep us safe.***

### **USER AGREEMENT, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE**

I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the various protocols, restrictions and terms as set out by the Province, the Frontenac Community Arena and the group/league that I represent.

I am signing this agreement with the understanding that it is my responsibility to ensure that all parties involved adhere to the requirements.

**Organizer's Name:**

**Organizer's Signature:**

**Date:**

# Return to Hockey

## WHAT TO EXPECT

The Frontenac Community Arena (FCA), Arena Board and our Leagues are working together to ensure that you can return to hockey while maintaining a safe and healthy playing environment.

Group organizers should review the Return to Hockey Protocols and Terms prior to coming to the arena.

**\*The full Return to Hockey - Response to COVID Plan is available at [www.frontenacarena.com](http://www.frontenacarena.com)**



A Sign In/Screening Form must be completed before entry to the Arena.



Capacity for **on ice group** activities is thirty-four (34). Public Skating capacity is fifty (50) Capacity for **spectators** is limited to two (2) individuals per participant for a total of sixty-eight (68) spectators.



All individuals must enter through the arena front doors and sanitize their hands.



Individuals must maintain physical distancing and stay at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from anyone not in their 'Social Circle'.



A mask covering the mouth and nose must be worn at all times while in the arena, except when participating in physical activity or resting on players' bench.



Dressing Rooms are open with capacity restrictions and masking requirements. Showers are NOT available at this time.



Individuals are strongly encouraged to come to the arena with as much gear on as safely possible, to allow for quick transition between groups.



Please refrain from loitering or congregating in common areas.



Individuals must immediately exit the arena via the back west hallway/northwest side of building