



## St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association (“STMHA”) Facility Use Policy

This policy applies to all persons accessing City of St. Thomas Facilities at any time during the 2021-22 season for the purpose of attending any STMHA-sanctioned tryout, evaluation, game, practice, or other event, including any and all STMHA Directors and staff, Team Officials (i.e. coaches, trainers, managers), timekeepers, on-ice officials, instructors, players, parents, spectators, and members of the general public.

By implementing this policy, STMHA aims to get our kids back on the ice in a safe, fun, and secure environment while minimizing the risk of infection and the risk of having to suspend or cancel programming.

OUR KIDS ARE COUNTING ON ALL OF US TO FOLLOW THIS POLICY TO KEEP THEM ON THE ICE AND HAVING FUN!!!

*This policy is subject to change in response to changes in public health regulations and guidance.*

### Health Screening



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL.



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ISOLATING OR HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



All players, parents, Team Officials, MHA Directors and staff, on-ice officials, and instructors must successfully complete this [Health Screening Questionnaire](#) prior to entering any arena facilities. This includes all persons attending from other centres.

*\*\*Note: Health screening will be conducted and tracked through a digital app on a “team-by-team” basis following the conclusion of tryouts and evaluations.*










### Arrival/Departure



Players, coaches, and parents may only access arena facilities **30 minutes** prior to your scheduled ice time. It is recommended that players, coaches meet in the parking lot and then enter the facility as a group to avoid wait times with security checking.





## Arrival/Departure (continued)

-  Upon arrival, a designated Security representative will conduct a verbal health-screening check and be checking for proof of double vaccination for all spectators 12yrs of age or older.
-  Only entrances/exits identified for use are permitted for such. Do not enter/exit any other exterior doors.
-  2m physical distancing will be enforced in **all** indoor areas of arena facilities, including dressing rooms.
-  Face coverings are required for everyone entering municipal facilities. Face coverings to be worn properly at all times while in public spaces - when not engaged in on-ice activities (unless exempt under Provincial regulations, proof required).
-  Spectators are permitted, however the number of people allowed in will be identified by the Provincial emergency orders made under [Schedule 2, Section 16 of the Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act](#). Arena capacities are posted on-site.
-  Spectators must remain in the arena for the duration of the hockey event they are attending. No “in-and-out” privileges.
-  Team and player “warm-ups” will **NOT** be permitted within any common area inside arena facilities. If necessary, please plan for “warm-ups” to take place prior to entry.
-  All players, volunteers, team officials, spectators, patrons, parents, guardians, guests, and the general public are reminded to be respectful to facility staff and adhere to the [City of Parks & Recreation Code of Conduct Policy](#).
-  Players, coaches, and parents must exit the arena facility immediately within **15 minutes** after the end of your scheduled ice time.





## Dressing Rooms


 Dressing rooms may only be accessed by coaches, players, on-ice officials, instructors, and other STMHA personnel **30 minutes** prior to your scheduled ice time.


 Dressing room access will be limited to fewer participants than usual in order to adhere to the required 2m physical distancing protocols.

Getting dressed at home is ***strongly recommended*** especially for players age 10 and younger who are ***encouraged*** to arrive at the facility fully dressed and ready for the ice session with the exception of skates, helmets, and gloves.


 Parents, guardians, and other spectators ***cannot*** access the dressing room areas of facilities, unless and except to the extent it is necessary for a parent or guardian is required to be in attendance to (1) attend to any injured or unwell player or (2) assist a player ***under the age of 12*** with tying skates or putting on equipment. Parents or guardians must ***immediately exit*** dressing rooms after rendering assistance to their player.


 **Masks** must be worn by ***all persons at all times*** while inside the dressing room areas of facilities. Players may only remove their mask to put on their helmet and must immediately exit the dressing room after doing so.

 For any parent or guardian who is concerned about their child mingling with others in a confined space such as a dressing room, we would recommend that the child arrive and depart the facility dressed in their hockey equipment. Likewise, we make the same recommendation for any Team Officials with similar concerns.


 Showering is permitted. Players, Team Officials, on-ice officials, and instructors must exit the dressing room immediately within **15 minutes** after the end of your scheduled ice time.

## Players' Bench

 Only players and Team Officials are permitted to access the players' bench.

 ***Team Officials must wear masks at all times*** while on the players' bench.

## On-Ice

 Players, Team Officials, and on-ice officials are **NOT** required to wear a face mask while on the ice engaging in physical activity.

# Proof of Vaccination Requirements - Joe Thornton Community Centre and Memorial Arena



As of **September 22, 2021**, the Ontario government will require patrons to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status and proof of identification to enter certain businesses and facilities, with a focus on higher-risk indoor public settings.

## Scope:

Settings where patrons must be fully vaccinated include:

- Indoor areas where spectators watch sporting events
- Indoor areas of casinos, bingo halls, and other gaming establishments.
- Indoor areas of facilities for sports and recreational fitness activities, including personal fitness training
- Indoor areas of meeting and event spaces (e.g., banquet halls and conference / convention centres)

A person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if they have received:

- The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines,
- 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.
- They received their final dose of COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

## Procedure:

Effective on **October 31, 2021** (12:01am), to enter the City of St Thomas, Joe Thornton Community Centre and Memorial Arena with limited exemptions:

- All Patrons & participants aged 12+ years old must provide proof of being double vaccinated with proper identification at the point of entry.
- Screening and entry staff must review and confirm the proof.
- Other public health and workplace safety measures will still apply, including masking and active COVID-19 screening.

Patrons include players, participants, coaching staff, team staff, parent/guardian supervisors, spectators, volunteers, and officials.

**If a patron makes the decision to not disclose their vaccination status, they will not be permitted to enter the City of St. Thomas recreation facilities.**

### **Exemptions:**

In settings where proof of vaccination is required, patrons do not need to prove they are fully vaccinated in the following circumstances:

Individuals under a certain age:

- Patrons under 12 years of age who are entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational facilities solely for the purpose of **actively** participating in an organized sport, in accordance with Ministry of Health guidance.

***Note: Spectators that are above the age of 12 are required to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status and proof of identification to be permitted entry.***

Patrons with a written document by a physician or a nurse practitioner, stating that they are exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the effective time period:

- Must present identification and a written document.

Examples of identification documents to confirm the proof of identity include:

- Birth Certificate
- Citizenship Card
- Driver's License
- Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, including Health Card
- Indian Status Card / Indigenous Membership Card
- Passport
- Permanent Resident Card

**Everyone entering the facilities is required to complete COVID-19 active screening and must wear a face mask or face covering. All coaches and team staff are required to wear a face mask or face covering in all areas of the facilities including the dressing rooms, change rooms, and team benches.**

## City of St Thomas, Indoor Recreation Facility Rentals

### COVID-19 Facility Rental Protocols (Joe Thornton Community Centre & Memorial Arena)

**October 7, 2021 (Stage 3, re-opening Ontario)**

The City of St. Thomas continues to work with the Southwestern Public Health Unit and the Province of Ontario Medical Officer to monitor the current Covid-19 situation. The City will follow Public Health's recommendations regarding COVID safety protocols. The health, safety, and well-being of our participants, instructors, staff, and guests shall remain our top priority. Modifications may be required as Ontario Regulation's are updated.

**Face coverings required** for everyone entering municipal facilities. Face coverings to be worn properly at all times while in public spaces - when not engaged in on-ice activities (unless exempt under Provincial regulations, proof required).

#### **ALL PERMIT HOLDERS MUST:**

- Sign / submit document via email along with their COVID safety plan before entering the facility.
- Agree to an assumption of risk.
- Acknowledges this information has been distributed to all participants / spectators who will be entering the Joe Thornton Community Centre or Memorial Arena for rentals.
- Per direction from the Southwestern Public Health Unit, keep contract tracking records of all participants / spectators for each rental, minimum of 30 days.

#### **BEFORE ENTERING THE JOE THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, YOU MUST:**

- Complete the **daily self assessment**.
  - Use online screening link or <https://frm-cvd-ca.esolq.ca/St-Thomas/Screening-Form>
  - QR code posted outside facilities or
  - daily sign in log at main entrance
- Adhere to all posted guidelines to minimize close contact while going about your activity.
- Provide proof of vaccination
- Adhere to posted occupancy limits, avoid congregating and respect applicable timelines
- Be a participant in a recognized activity or guardian to enter the facility, NO LOITERING

**\*\*Effective October 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:01am all participants and spectators 12 years old + will also require proof of vaccination and ID for entry into all City operated Recreation facilities**

## Joe Thornton Community Centre and Memorial Arena: COVID Safety Protocols.

### **DO NOT ENTER THIS FACILITY IF YOU:**

- Have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days.
- Have symptoms of COVID-19 or are feeling unwell:
  - fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat or trouble swallowing, pink eye, falling down (older adults), runny or stuffy nose, loss of smell or taste, muscle aches or extreme tiredness, nausea / vomiting / diarrhea /stomach pain or unusual headache.
- Been told to self isolate or identified as a close contact of someone with Covid in last 14 days.
- Have anyone in your household that has been exposed to someone recovering from COVID-19.

### **ON ICE RENTAL PROCEDURES:**

- Maximum 50 participants on ice per rental (includes players / goalies / officials / coaches).
- **FACILITY ENTRY:**
  - **Only permitted 30 minutes** prior to your rental start time and all must EXIT 15 minutes following completion of your ice rental.
  - ENTER main front arena doors at JTCC & Memorial
- **FACILITY EXIT:**
  - **A Pad:** Exit at South exit doors to parking lot (same as last season)
  - **B Pad:** Exit at North exit doors to parking lot (same as last season)
  - **Memorial Arena:** Exit ONLY permitted from main front doors
- **DRESSING ROOMS:**
  - Maximum 2 dressing rooms available per rental (1 per team). As there's limited space for all rentals, only use assigned dressing room or bench/chair space in hallways to prepare.
  - Maximum # **of participants** permitted in each dressing room as posted (limited bench space outside dressing room available per team to be coordinated and shared).
  - Strongly recommend coming partially dressed as timelines for dressing room use and space is limited.
  - Dressings rooms and hallway access are restricted to team personnel ONLY.
- **NO INSIDE FACILITY WARM UP OR TEAM STRETCHES.**
- **SHOWERS** available, all users MUST vacate within 15 minutes end of your rental.
- **Maximum of 2 spectators per participant permitted** in designated viewing areas ONLY.
- Exception may be extended for any pre-approved special event / requirement in accordance with Provincial regulations & occupancy limits. (to be submitted in writing 1 week prior to event)

## Joe Thornton Community Centre and Memorial Arena: COVID Safety Protocols.

- Participants and spectators must not exceed applicable and current gathering restrictions during any time while in or around the facilities. The City reserves the right to ask any user to leave facilities and its premises forthwith in the event, that there is any contravention.
- **Parking Lot:** No loitering and maintain social distancing.

### **FACILITY USE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Participants / spectators encouraged to limit personal belongings when entering facilities.
- Ensure your water bottle is clearly marked with your name.
- Exercising proper hand cleaning & sanitizing in facilities.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer when possible.
- Facemasks must be worn when not engaged in on ice activity, includes all team personnel on player's bench.
- Take garbage and belongings home with you, "**garbage in, garbage out**".
- Follow all signage and recommendations posted inside and around facilities.
- All facility bookings, payments and inquiries should be coordinated in advance: via phone / email / online.
- Do not wander around facility, remain in your rental area only.
- NO SPITTING ALLOWED IN THE FACILITY, ON ICE, PLAYERS BENCHES OR PROPERTY.
- **Staff will be sanitizing frequently around facility, please be mindful of all additional requirements and strict timelines so staff may accomplish these tasks in a timely manner.**
- NO City owned equipment is available to use or borrow. Groups are responsible for all equipment requirements. You are responsible to sanitize all your own personal equipment.
- No equipment or personal belongings are to be left behind. Items left behind will be disposed of.
- Ensure you and all your participants are aware of the procedures and the importance of physical distancing upon entering the facility.
- Everyone entering the facility should ensure they are not unnecessarily touching items.
- Users must not exceed any applicable gathering restriction.
- Horseplay among participants / spectators is not permitted.
- Expectation is everyone entering the facility respect and adhere to all protocols and directives. Failure to comply with the stated COVID safety protocols will result in the forfeiture of your permit.



**Sept 2021 (covid occupancy limits)**

<b>JTCC</b>	<b>covid occupancy limits</b>	<b>JTCC</b>	<b>covid occupancy limits</b>
Gym sport/activity	30	Stars JR B main	12
Gym meeting	75	office	3
Coat room	6	trainer	3
Gym office	3	Upper lobby	106
Men's & Ladies washroom gym	6	Men's & Ladies Upper washroom	10
Kitchen/center/bar servery (gym)	9	Ladies washrm upper	10
Gym Change room 1 & 2	6	Servery (upper)	2
Gym viewing area	50	A Pad walking track	50
Arena lobby	140	Bowl seating/viewing	1000
Men washrm lower	10	Offices: STMHA, Jr B, Soccer, Panthers	4
Ladies washrm lower	10	Ohi room	8
Family washroom	1	STMHA Board room	6
B pad stands/viewing	130	Corner Suite	8
B 1, 2, 3, 4	9	Music room	1
B refs	3	Media room	2
A 1, 2, 3, 4	9	Servery bowl	3
A 5	14		
A 6	12		
A gender	3	A Pad ice surface	50
A refs	3	B Pad ice surface	50
<b>MEMORIAL</b>		<b>MEMORIAL</b>	
Memorial bowl seating and track area	1000	Aud activity	30
Men washrm arena	4	Aud meeting	75
Ladies washrm arena		Aud men's washroom	2
Dr room 1		Aud Ladies washroom	3
Dr room 2 & 3	7	Aud lobby/coat room	6
Dr room 4 & 5	8	Aud kitchen	
Dr room 6	11	PJ Lynch room	25
Ref's room		PJ Lynch men's	2
Family washrooms	1	PJ Lynch ladies	2
Arena lobby	6	Front lobby room	2
Arena common area (by old concession)	6	Op's office	4