

## **Saint John City Gents COVID-19 Operational Plan**

### **Section 1 Introduction and On-ice Measures**

#### **Introduction**

The Saint John City Gents Hockey League will continue to follow the Provincial State of Emergency, the Provincial Recovery Plan, the Lord Beaverbrook Rink (LBR) COVID-19 Operational Plan, as well as the guidance and direction of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) in regard to its operation.

As stated in the LBR's operational plan there will be allowed some activity to return to the LBR. 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 LBR 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, the LBR COVID-19 operational 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 in coordination with the LBR.

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**

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.

Only 10 players can sit on the bench (with additionally placed seats) at a time and social distance (2m). These areas will be marked. As only 1 player is permitted in each penalty box at a time, additional penalized players will be required to sit at the end of their team's bench.

## Section 2 Off-ice Measures

### Traffic Flow & Signage

Please see the attached diagram (Appendix A) for the traffic flow indications. 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 extremely 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.

### Dressing Rooms

**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:** (at the discretion of the LBR) 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:** (at the discretion of the LBR) Use of the showers and washrooms will be permitted, the Saint John City Gents are open to buying disinfectant with teams sanitizing between use.

### Community Face Masks

Community face masks are mandatory while inside the facility in all areas except for the ice surface.

### Spectators

No spectators will be allowed.

### Spitting

As per the LBR's operational plan, 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.

As stated in Phase 3 of dressing room use, city gent participants are open to buying disinfectant and sanitizing the showers/dressing rooms between use.

### **Handwashing Facilities**

Handwashing areas will be available in the public washrooms. (The accessible stall on the upper floor and the Referee Room stall on the lower floor).

### **Employee Interaction**

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 LBR 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.

### **Participant Screening**

Members of the Saint John City Gents are required to preform a self screening before entering the LBR. If anyone answers YES to at least 2 of the following they not permitted to play,

- a fever above 38 C
- a new or worsening chronic cough
- sore throat
- runny nose
- headache
- new onset of fatigue
- new onset of muscle pain
- diarrhea
- loss of sense of taste or smell
- difficulty breathing
- have you been in close contact, in the last 14 days, with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- have you been in close contact, in the last 14 days, with a person tested for COVID-19?

Furthermore, any participant showing symptoms shall not enter the facility and should immediately return home and call 811 should symptoms present themselves while at the facility.

As no spectators will be permitted, game sheets will provide documentation of which players, referees and timekeeper are present in the rink at each ice time. Game sheets will be available to the LBR upon request.

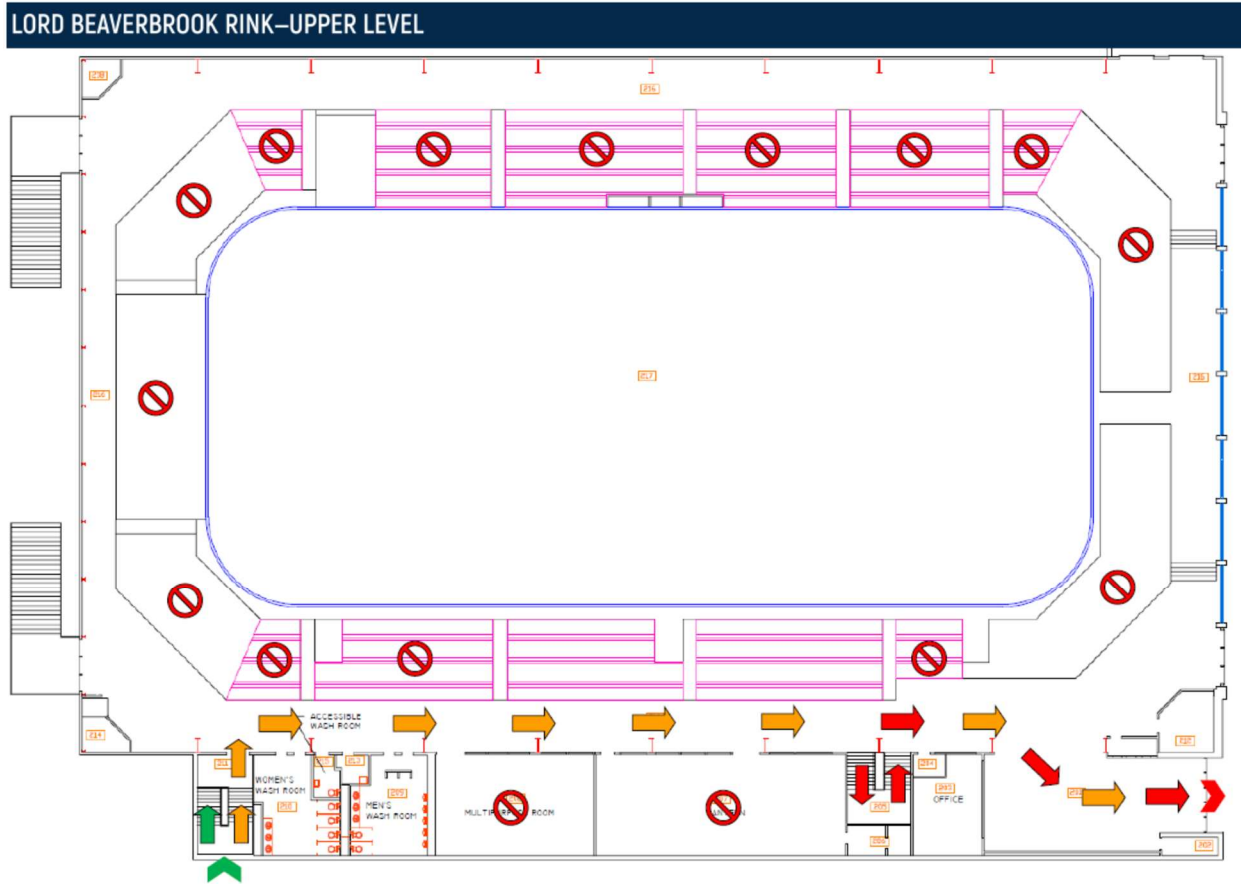
### **Illness or Symptoms of Participants**

Should a 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, 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 LBR**

A closure of the LBR may be directed if there is a COVID-19 outbreak, change in the Provincial Mandatory Order, or in any other case as directed by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. Upon closure of the LBR, city gent operations will be suspended until the rink reopens.

### Appendix A



# LORD BEAVERBROOK RINK—LOWER LEVEL

