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## Welcome Back New Sarepta Agriplex Users!

Our staff and our Patron's safety is our priority. There are several changes you can expect with your upcoming season.

### User & Spectator Access:

When accessing the facility, several recommendations are noted to enhance safety and reduced risk of transmission. These guidelines from AHS include, but are not limited to, plans for safe entry/exit, limiting gathering opportunities and keeping everyone safe. The following guidelines have been established:

- Any patrons exhibiting signs related to Covid-19 may not enter the facility. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, muscle aches, headaches and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Any patron who has knowingly come into contact with someone with or suspected of having Covid-19, is prohibited to enter the facility.
- Each team will be responsible for the screening of Covid-19 of their players, coaches and parents. Each team will have to conduct a Covid-19 screening procedure within 24 hrs prior to any ice slot. It is strongly recommended that a gun style thermometer is purchased and used by every team prior to each ice slot.
- Once in building, no roaming common areas.
- All players and coaches must wear masks during entry and exit of the dressing rooms.
- 2m Physical distancing is encouraged to mitigate transmission spread.
- All users and spectators should refrain from mingling, loitering or congregating in common areas.
- It is mandatory that in all common areas, while not participating in an activity, to wear a mask. Please refrain from yelling and cheering. Support participants through clapping.
- It is the sport organization and coach's responsibility to communicate, as well as enforce, the guidelines for access and facility safety precautions.
- Please adhere to all signage throughout the entire facility.
- Whenever possible, pick up and drop off of sport participants is permitted at the rear "players entrance" doors to avoid congregating. For practices, 1 parent or player aide, is allowed to enter through same doors and go directly to bleacher area. No siblings allowed.
- MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES IN DRESSING ROOM HALLWAY
- There will be restricted use of the public washrooms in the lobby area. MAXIMUM of 2 people at a time.

- No more than 50 people, including participants, staffing, officials and coaches are permitted on the ice surface.
- Try to minimize contact with high touch surfaces.
- DO NOT drink from the water fountain. The fountain can be used to fill cups or water bottles.
- Bleacher capacity is maximum of 100 people. The home team is responsible for monitoring spectator numbers.
- Spectators will not be allowed to stand along side of the boards. Must be seated in the bleachers.
- Bleachers will be marked to manage physical distancing.
- Arena staff will wear masks when unable to maintain physical distancing.

### Dressing Room Use

AHS recommends distancing as one of the best mitigation tools to limit transmission. Therefore, it is important to limit access to dressing rooms, decreasing lingering, reduce gathering and provide efficient entry/exit flow through strategies. The following guidelines have been established:

- Access to dressing rooms will be limited to **30 minutes prior and 30 minutes after** users scheduled time.
- Dressing rooms are available for dressing purposes, however, as per AHS, to the extent possible, players are encouraged to arrive at the facility dressed in their gear, ready to play.
- Showers will be allowed in the dressing rooms as long as the 30 minute time limit is adhered to
- There will be **no post game beverages** allowed in the dressing rooms
- Try to minimize contact with high touch surfaces.
- There will be a 2 coaches' minimum rule in all dressing rooms at all times until the last player leaves.

### Cohorts

As per AHS, activities where 2m physical distancing cannot be achieved, cohorts should be formed. Cohorts limit the risk of disease transmission because they reduce the number of people with whom players have close contact and are advised to manage play within cohorts to minimize spread. AHS cohort guidelines are:

- Core cohort teams can consist of up to 22 players, including coaches.
- **This rule does not apply for try outs. Try out players will need to physical distance or are required to wear a mask unless on the ice surface.**
- There will be no drop in or spare players allowed. Your team must consist of the same players.
- It is recommended that participants only belong to one cohort group.

### Notes:

- All rules must be followed and any abuse of caretakers and or staff will not be tolerated.
- Any user group or its members caught violating these rules and regulations, will be fined accordingly.
- AHS guidance for Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Stage 2 can be found at:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>