



# **SWM Glencoe Memorial Arena**

## **2021-2022 Ice Season Policies**

In response to O.Reg 364/20: Rules for Facilities exiting Step 3 and in cooperation with the Middlesex London Health Unit and Public Health Ontario, the following policies have been put in place for the 2021-2022 season of recreation at the Glencoe Memorial Arena:

### **GENERAL**

Do not enter the facility if:

- You have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- You are awaiting test results for a COVID-19 test
- You have travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days and have been mandated to quarantine. You have symptoms of COVID-19 or are feeling unwell.
- Someone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days.
- If anyone in your household has been exposed to someone who has or is recovering from COVID-19.

### **COVID-19 ACTIVE SCREENING & PROOF OF VACCINATION**

ALL user groups **MUST** participate in active health screening upon entering the arena. A QR code for the online screening can be provided for patrons to screen prior to entering the building (same day screening only).

Effective 12:01 a.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, and until further notice, all owners, operators, and persons responsible for facilities used for sport and recreational fitness activities within the City of London and the County of Middlesex are instructed to:

1. Require each person, age 12 years and older, who attends the indoor area of the Facility for the purpose of (a) actively participating in organized sports, (b) coaching, officiating organized sports, or volunteering, or (c) spectating at organized sports, to provide identification and proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or a valid medical exemption at point of entry.
2. Develop and implement mandatory vaccination policies for facility staff, contractors and/or subcontractors and volunteers that follow best practices developed in partnership with Middlesex-London Health Unit.
3. Comply with all other requirements under the *Reopening Ontario Act* and its regulations that apply to the Facility. This includes, but is not limited to, observing reduced capacity limits, screening upon entry, maintenance of physical distancing within the Facility, and ensuring that masks or face coverings are worn when required.

For clarity, the requirement to show proof of vaccination does not apply to a person who is entering an indoor area solely for the following purposes:

1. to use a washroom;
2. to access an outdoor area that can only be accessed through an indoor route;
3. while paying for an order;
4. to purchase admission; or
5. to respond to an emergency or other urgent health and safety concern.

Additionally, an eight-week grace period after their birthday will be extended to those born after 2009 such that, once eligible, they will have time to get both doses of vaccine.

For more information regarding the details of the order, please visit:

[MLHU – Section 22 Instructions](#)

[O.Reg 364/20: RULES FOR AREAS AT STEP 3 AND AT THE ROADMAP EXIT STEP](#)

[O.Reg 645/21: Amending O.Reg 364/20](#)

[PROOF OF VACCINATION GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE REOPENING ACT](#)

Contracted security staff will be on site in the lobby to verify proof of vaccination for all patrons upon arrival at the arena. Please note that proof will be required at EVERY entrance and upon EVERY arrival. If a patron exits the building for any reason, government issued ID and proof of vaccination will be required to re-enter the building.

## **DIRECTION**

Please enter the building through the front doors and exit the building through the designated door (A Side or B Side). Please follow the arrows in order to promote social distancing where possible.

Masks MUST be worn at all times while spectating, dressing and generally walking through the building. (Masks are not required while participating in activities on the ice pad)

## **SPECTATORS / BLEACHERS & STANDS**

Effective 12:01 AM on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, capacity restrictions will be lifted for Glencoe Memorial Arena.

## **ICE PAD & PLAYER BENCHES**

There are no restrictions for ice pad user groups WHILE ON ICE. Full game play, practice, skills/drills will be permitted.

Players' benches are an extension of the ice pad playing surface and thus, ice pad policies will apply.

## **DRESSING ROOMS**

Dressing rooms will be available on a very limited schedule. Dressing rooms will be required to schedule every other hour to allow for sanitization between use. Each user group will be permitted to use 2 dressing rooms. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be practiced in dressing rooms at all times. Effective 12:01 AM October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, capacity restrictions will be lifted in dressing rooms and showers will be permitted.

## **COMPLIANCE / ENFORCEMENT**

ALL user groups are required to enforce their Return to Facilities plan as well as adhering to municipal, regional and provincial health guidelines.

If a staff member, contracted security guard or association volunteer reminds you about the COVID-19 rules and requirements, they are doing their job. Please take their comments as a friendly reminder, and do your part by following the rules.

If you don't agree with the rules or have questions about them, please:

- Contact your sporting association (if applicable) to learn about their COVID-19 safety protocols
- Review the policies set by the Province ([covid-19.ontario.ca](https://covid-19.ontario.ca)) and/or the MLHU ([healthunit.com/novel-coronavirus](https://healthunit.com/novel-coronavirus))
- Contact Alex Yardy, Facilities and Recreation Supervisor (contact information below)

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex has a zero-tolerance policy for violence, vandalism and inappropriate behaviour at recreational facilities, community centres, parks and programs. This policy applies to everyone – coaches, parents, players, performers, audiences and visitors. No form of violence, vandalism or inappropriate behaviour is acceptable on municipal properties, in facilities or programs. Failure to abide by the policy will lead to immediate removal from the premise and/or trespass for up to 3 years and/or escalation to the OPP.

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex continues to work with Middlesex London Health Unit and the Province of Ontario to monitor the Covid-19 situation and will follow Public Health's recommendations. The health, safety and well-being of our community (participants, instructors, staff and guests) will always be our top priority.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Return to Facilities plan or the guidelines set out here, please contact the Southwest Middlesex Municipal Office.

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