



PROCEDURE

Operations: Parks and Recreation
Revised Date: October 21st 2021

COVID-19 REP Program at the Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre

PURPOSE:

The Town will facilitate a Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) for adult groups as is practicable and cost effective.

AUTHORITY:

- THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL (PHO) GUIDES HOW THE FACILITY IMPLEMENTS REP, INTERPRETING PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS AS THEY CHANGE. REP IMPLEMENTATION IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT AT ANY TIME BY THE PHO.
- THE EMPLOYEE SAFETY COMMITTEE SHOULD PROVIDE THE PRIMARY ADVICE FOR DEVELOPING SOPs/ SOGs AND OTHER GUIDANCE.
- THE MANAGER OF OPERATIONS AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAVE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR THE FACILITY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.
- DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND/OR COUNCIL MAY HOLD AND EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY TO COUNTER, BY RESOLUTION OR POLICY, THE ADVICE OF ITS ADMINISTRATION OR INDIVIDUAL MANAGERS. THEIR INVOLVEMENT, HOWEVER, IS NOT NECESSARY FOR APPROPRIATE HEALTH AND SAFETY/ RISK MANAGEMENT.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. User groups who implement the REP can do so in the arena as long as there is not a mix of REP and non-REP activities happening at the same time. The only time that this scenario could happen is if there is a space in the facility that is completely separated from other areas which means own entrances, washrooms and common areas.
2. User groups participating in the REP must implement their program in alignment with the AHS guidance documents, unless otherwise noted.
3. User groups are able to implement more restrictive measures, but not less.
4. Youth participating in youth activities, where all participants are under the age of 18 years of age, are not required to be under the REP at present.
 - a. As a consequence, the continuation of spectators at youth activities is entirely dependent upon mask regulation compliance by the public. Management will close these activities to spectators without notice if non-compliance becomes a serious problem for the PHO.
5. Face masks are required in all indoor public spaces, regardless of whether the User groups are participating in the REP or not.

- a. User groups are jointly responsible with the Town for ensuring mask regulation compliance during their activities and events.
6. Food and drink consumption on site is not permitted within the THRC where there is no REP in place.
7. Where interpretation of regulations varies, the view of the Chief Administrative Officer or the PHO will stand.

PROCEDURES

1. At minimum, user groups participating in the REP should clearly communicate to the public/clients/staff:
that they are participating in the program, and what is required to enter/receive services.
2. Operators may use posters at entrances and throughout facilities.
3. User groups participating in the REP must maintain a written plan that outlines the processes and requirements of the program.
4. All vaccine-eligible persons (i.e., over the age of 11) must be screened for one of the following at the point of entry:
 - a. *Proof of vaccination; or*
 - b. *Proof of a negative privately-paid test result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours (Results from Alberta Health Services are not eligible for consideration for this program.*
5. Individuals 18 years or older must produce valid personal identification. Individuals who are under the age of 18 do not need to show personal identification.
6. Individuals must maintain physical distancing until they have been screened into the facility.
7. At minimum, the process must include:
The name and the date of birth of the individual listed on the proof of immunization or testing must be matched with the name and date of birth on the identification (for 18+);
Verification that the proof of vaccination is appropriate, or the test result indicates the individual has tested negative for COVID-19 within the last 72 hours.
8. User groups will be in charge to make sure visitor teams and fans follow this program with the Town of Nanton in supervisory oversight.
9. Time between youth and adults is required to separate the REP program and youth programming, unless other entrances can be used. This needs to be adhered to and respected.

CURLING

10. Senior curling will enter through the East entrance of the curling rink unless handicap accessibility is needed; they will have access to the main washrooms but must not come into the lobby other than for emergencies.
11. **Once curling season begins, it may be possible to consume food and drink within the curling lounge under that lease area's REP.**

NON-COMPLIANCE

12. Consequences of not following the program could result in a written/verbal warning or expulsion from the facility.
13. Facilities and user groups will be audited for compliance.
14. Alberta Health Services, Alberta Gaming, Liquor, Cannabis and police units in Alberta are able to enforce the requirements of this program.
15. Public complaints will support increased compliance and enforcement efforts. If facilities or user groups are not complying with these requirements or the current public health restrictions, then enforcement and prosecution may result in fines up to \$100,000 (for a first offence).



*Revised following advisory
of complaint from a THRC user
to the Public Health Official.*