



December 16, 2021

To Whom it may Concern,

With the Extension of Mandatory Measures to all Algoma Communities served by Algoma Public Health, Johnson Township is implementing the following required changes taking effect December 17, 2021 at 12:01am until January 16, 2022 at 11:59pm.

1. **Physical Distancing of 3Metres or 10ft:** You must maintain a physical distance of 3metres or approximately 10ft everywhere inside the Community Centre. This includes on the ice, in the lobby, in the viewing areas, on the bleachers, and on the benches.
2. **Changerooms are Limited Capacity:** The changerooms are under limited capacity to maintain 10ft of social distancing. Areas inside the changerooms have been marked out to maintain 10ft of distance and you will be instructed as to which changeroom you are going to.
3. **No Physical Contact:** There will be no physical contact during Hockey games or practices, Broomball games, Shiny games etc.
4. **20 Person limit:** Only 20 people can attend an ice booking time. This could mean your practice needs to be split into two groups that rotate into the arena or different players practice on different nights etc. You may need to adapt your game to three-on-three or no goalie etc.
5. **No Food in the Rink:** As per the new provincial regulations you are no longer able to purchase food from the canteen and eat it in the rink. Meaning, no food on the bleachers, benches, in the changerooms etc. Food can only be consumed at the tables by the canteen or outside the Community Centre.

**Failure to modify your activities to meet these mandatory measure could result in the closure of the rink or severe fines to each individual involved and the Municipality.**

The latest mandatory measures from Algoma Public Health states:

***In indoor and outdoor sport and recreational facilities, every person in a fitness or exercise class must maintain a physical distance of 3 metres from every other person; and team sports or games must not be played or practiced unless they have been modified to avoid personal contact.***

Recreation programs such as Public Skate, Broomball, and Pick-Up Adult Hockey will now require pre-registration. To comply with the new regulations only 20 spots are available at each event. To accommodate we are changing Public Skate to be broken into 2, 1hour sessions. If demand increases we will look at increasing available ice time.

The Hall at the Community Centre is still open and available for bookings with a current capacity of 10 people only. Everyone must be masked at all times and anyone who does not share the same household must maintain a 2 metre or approximately 6ft of physical distance. Physical activities programs, arts programs, etc. can continue in the hall as long as the 6ft of physical distancing is maintained.



Events can be held outdoors under the Pavilion in gatherings of up to 25 people or groups can enter the hall in shifts of 10 to accommodate larger gatherings.

As per previous regulations anyone entering the Community Centre 12yrs and older for activities, meetings etc. must provide proof of double vaccination and as of January 4<sup>th</sup> your proof of vaccination must include the QR code and will be scanned for entry.

Cheryl's Café will still remain open for take-out and dine-in. Masks must be worn at all times except to eat and physical distancing of 2 metres or approximately 6ft must be maintained when accessing the Café. Seating will only accommodate groups of 10 or less.

The Recreation Committee is working quickly to provide some safe alternatives for outdoor non-contact events and events or activities that can be completed from home. Stay tuned to the Johnson Township Recreation Facebook Page for updates in the New Year.

The full release from Algoma Public Health is available here:

<https://www.algomapublichealth.com/news/extension-of-mandatory-measures-algoma-wide-due-to-threat-of-omicron-and-ongoing-high-covid-19-transmission/>

The full release from the Ontario Provincial Government can be viewed here:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001366/ontario-further-strengthening-response-to-omicron>

Have a safe and Happy Holiday,

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