



# WNCC COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

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# Standard Operating Procedure Guidelines

With the assistance of the Ontario Curling Association (OCA), and governmental agencies here are the guidelines established for returning-to-play at WNCC. These guidelines and procedures may change based on evolving guidance from governing authorities.

**These guidelines apply to all curlers and workers and are currently designed for 8 people per sheet of ice considering restrictive physical distancing recommendations by the government**

## **Vaccination Policy**

*To ensure the health and safety of our members and guests, for the 2021/2022 curling season, the West Northumberland Curling Club requires that all members, visitors, curlers, and contractors be fully vaccinated. This applies to anyone that is 12 years of age or older.*

## **Purpose & Objectives:**

The purpose of this procedure is to inform members and workers of the nature and hazards associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition, describe how to protect themselves and others to provide for safe operating and playing conditions required during a pandemic event. There is a general duty on all members to take all reasonable precautions to prevent harm to others at WNCC.

## **Responsibilities:**

### **Board of Directors shall ensure that:**

1. Awareness is provided to WNCC members and those who work (workers) at the club on the hazards associated with COVID-19.
2. COVID 19 signage including symptoms, physical distancing, mask wearing, and hand hygiene is posted in appropriate locations in the club.
3. Members and workers must report any known contact with a COVID-19 positive person and follow the most current recommendations of Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR). Report any symptoms of COVID-19 and follow the most current recommendations of HKPR.
4. Workers, use and wear any safety equipment or PPE that is required for their protection.

### **All persons entering the facility shall:**

1. Ensure they are fully vaccinated if eligible.
2. Follow the requirements outlined in this procedure and work.
3. Use and wear any safety equipment or PPE that is required of them.

4. Report any known contact with a COVID-19 positive person and follow the most current recommendations of Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR).
5. Report any symptoms of COVID-19 and follow the most current recommendations of HKPR.
6. Be required to accept and acknowledge the conditions of the WNCC as outlined in the waivers.

## **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) #1: Preventing Exposure to COVID-19**

### **Protecting yourself and others**

#### **SCREENING**

1. Every curler, or any person entering the WNCC facility must self-screen COVID-19 symptoms before entering the building. Screening information will be posted at the entrance to the club as a reminder. **Do not enter the club if the screening is positive.**
2. **Stay home if you feel unwell.**
3. If you start to feel unwell while at the club, you must immediately put on a mask, inform your teammates and go home.

#### **HYGIENE**

1. Follow good respiratory hygiene.
2. It is recommended to sanitize your hands upon entering the facility.

#### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

##### **General Procedures:**

1. Maintain at least **2-metres (6 feet) distance between yourself and other people.** (See Playing Guidelines for 'On Ice' distancing and Lounge/Bar guidelines)
2. Avoid common greetings, such as handshakes.
3. Conduct virtual meetings where possible
4. Masks shall be worn upon entering the building and to the Playing area. (see Appendix 1).

## **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) #2: WNCC Playing Center Layout and Navigation**

### **Procedure:**

- Masks must be worn as you enter the building and continue to be worn until reaching the playing area. You can choose to continue to wear masks during play if you wish. See Appendix # 1

- All persons will enter via the main doors into the lobby. The east entrance to the lounge must not be used.
- All persons must record their occupancy each time they enter the building using the contact tracing device and app provided by CurlON. Entrance to the building must be recorded whether a person is curling, going to the bar/lounge, or spectating. In the event that this device is unavailable, an alternate recording system will be in place.
- All persons shall sanitize their hands upon entering the building.
- Players will remove outdoor shoes and leave them in the lobby. The Coat Room is open. Coats may be taken to the bleachers or hung up here.
- Players should put on their own indoor slippers or indoor shoes to advance to the 'West End Bleacher Preparation Area' behind the Sheet in which you will be playing.
- Each sheet will have a designated Bleacher as the West End boards have been moved to add additional area for teams to prepare within their designated area
- Main lobby washrooms will be open as well as lounge washrooms.
- Players should bring their own water containers. There will be no water dispenser.
- Sanitization stations will be available at the entrance to the playing area, as well as the entrance to the upstairs lounge.
- After a draw, players can either go upstairs for a drink or leave. The etiquette of the winning team purchasing the drinks no longer applies.
- All personal belongings must be taken out of the play area upon leaving to go upstairs or leaving the facility.

### **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) #3: WNCC Curling Equipment and Playing Area**

- Players should bring their own equipment (shoes, grippers, sliders, indoor slippers/shoes, water bottles).
- Additional Club equipment if used (broom, sticks, and stabilizers) must be sanitized after each use by the player. A station will be set up beside the equipment area. **Club equipment if borrowed, cannot be shared.**
- Stones will be sanitized prior to each draw by one player per sheet. Sanitization materials will be located at your table.
- Players select their two stones. Stones should not be interchanged during play.
- Players should not touch any stones other than their own. Let the player delivering the next stone retrieve their own stone.
- Measuring: remove gloves/mitts, sanitize your hands, conduct measure, return measure device to its normal location, sanitize your hands.

## Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) #4: The Play

- Vices may use an online tool on your phone: <https://justflipacoin.com/> or their own coin to select hammer.
- Markings indicate physical distancing.
- **Non-Delivering Team:** The non-delivering team must physically distance from the delivering team.
- **Delivering Team:** The Skip has control of the house. The player whose turn it is to deliver is in the hack. The non-sweeping player must maintain physical distance from the other players. The sweeper must physical distance from the rock deliverer. Once the stone has been released, all players must continue to maintain physical distance.
- One sweeper only on all delivered stones. No relaying (second sweeper taking over halfway down the sheet).
- Skips or Vice-Skips of either team may sweep rocks as needed, but 2 sweepers are not permitted on the same rock.
- The use of the scoreboard is allowed.
- Hands should not be used to move the rocks.
- Players must be wearing masks when communicating with any other player, if physical distancing is not maintained.

## Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) #5: WNCC Bar and Upper Lounge Operations during COVID-19 Pandemic

### Bar and Lounge

1. The upstairs lounge has two (2) specific areas, east and west, divided by the main bar. In response to COVID-19, the main bar will be closed and a temporary bar will be located and operated from the kitchen using the window pass through.
2. Tables will be arranged to allow two teams to sit together at two tables.
3. There will be a sanitation station set up as you enter the lounge.
4. Masks are mandatory in the lounge at all times unless **seated at a table**.
5. There will be a limited number in line for the bar at one time. Markings on the floor will be used for members to stand.
6. Signage will be posted within the lounge to inform the members to:
  - a. Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres
  - b. Stay home if they are ill or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19
  - c. Wear a mask when not seated

7. Players should only sit at a sanitized table. When leaving the lounge for the night please turn the sign over to indicate the table needs cleaning.
8. Single portion potato chips and chocolate bars will be for sale in lounge.
9. The number of bartenders serving an individual is limited to one when possible.
10. Volunteer(s) can assist bartender to sanitize bar area and tables. Physical distancing must be maintained.
11. Tables and arms of chairs are to be sanitized after each use by volunteer or bartender.
12. Patrons/members are required to place used glassware in bin provided in upper lounge and place empties in designated area.

## **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) #6: WNCC Operations Cleaning and Sanitization of all Common Areas Not Related to Play during COVID-19 Pandemic**

### **Procedure:**

The following tasks specific protocols are to be followed for **Cleaning and Sanitization of all Common Areas Not Related to Play:**

Lobby and lobby washrooms

Office

Locker washrooms

Upper Lounge washrooms

### **Lobby**

1. All door handles, exterior and interior will be sanitized daily. All persons will sanitize their hands upon entering the building.
2. All touch points in the lobby including lights switches and non-porous surfaces of lobby chairs will be sanitized daily.
3. All lobby washrooms will be sanitized daily and all touch points, including door handles, taps, countertops, paper towel and toilet paper dispensers, soap dispenser, locks on stalls, toilet handles and urinals handles will be sanitized daily. Further all washrooms will have hand sanitizer available for individuals should they wish to use before or after occupying. All washrooms will have signage indicating proper hand washing.

### **Office**

4. All door handles and other touch points in the office will be sanitized.

### **Locker rooms:**

5. All locker washrooms will be sanitized daily and all touch points, including door handles, taps, countertops, paper towel and toilet paper dispensers, soap dispenser, locks on stalls, toilet handles and urinals handles will be sanitized daily. Further all washrooms will have hand sanitizer available for individuals should they wish to use

before or after occupying. All washrooms will have signage indicating proper hand washing. **Note:** Shower stall use is prohibited.

**Lounge:**

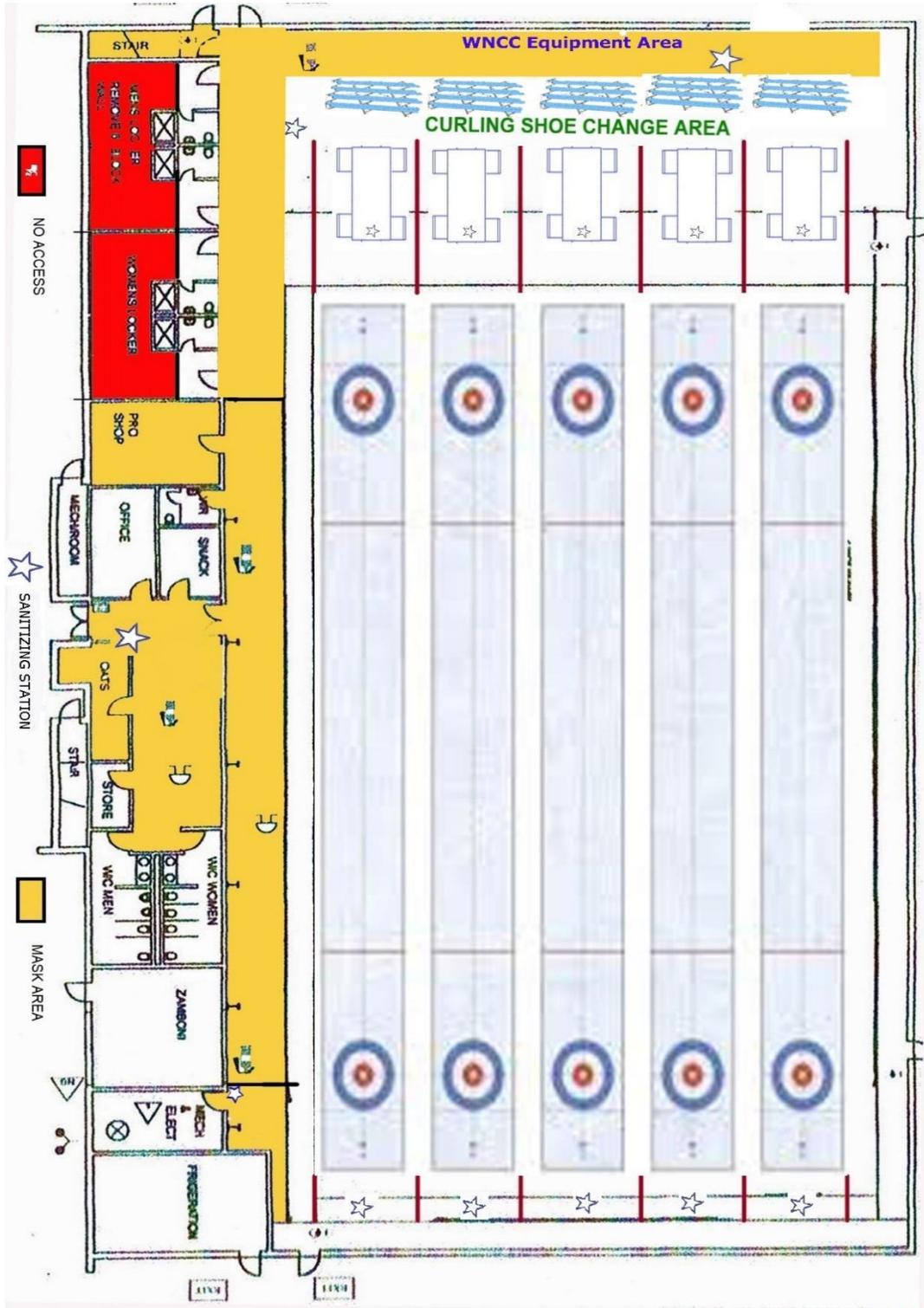
6. All door handles and handrails leading to the upper lounge will be sanitized.

7. All Lounge washrooms will be sanitized daily and all touch points, including door handles, taps, countertops, paper towel and toilet paper dispensers, soap dispenser, locks on stalls, toilet handles and urinals handles will be sanitized daily. Further all washrooms will have hand sanitizer available for individuals should they wish to use before or after occupying. All Washrooms will have signage indicating proper hand washing.

**Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) #7: WNCC Pro Shop**

- The Pro Shop is a designated mask area
- The maximum occupancy of the room is three (3), including volunteers/workers.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available at the door.
- Volunteer work surface to be cleaned at end of every shift.

# APPENDIX 1 WNCC Lower Level



## APPENDIX 2 – SAMPLE SIGNAGE

### REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS.



1 Wet hands with warm water

2 Apply soap

3 For at least 20 seconds, make sure to wash:

- palm and back of each hand
- between fingers
- under nails
- thumbs

4 Rinse well

5 Dry hands well with paper towel

6 Turn off tap using paper towel

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**MASKS MUST BE WORN  
UPON ENTERING THE  
CURLING CLUB UNTIL  
YOU REACH THE  
BLEACHERS ASSIGNED  
TO YOUR TEAM**