



Arthur & Area Curling Club

2021/2022 COVID Procedures – Stage 3

The following protocols were created using recommendations from the CurlON Return to Play 2.0 Guide, and following the regulations from the Government of Ontario COVID-19 public health measures and advice- Stage 3 (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures>).

The COVID-19 situation in Ontario is quickly evolving and these protocols are based on knowledge as of September 22nd, 2021. There will likely be changes throughout the season as we follow regulations released by the Government of Ontario, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH), and CurlON

1. Entrance, Exit and Movement within the Building

- It is expected that any member who feels unwell will not attend the Club for any reason
- We ask that everyone utilizes the hand sanitizer that will be available upon entering the club.
- When you enter the club, you will notice that coat hangers have been removed. In order to reduce crowding by the front door, we ask that you take your coats to the changeroom or to your chair you will be sitting at.
- Upon arrival to the Club please sign in using the QR CODE tablet scanner. Leagues not using the scanner please use a sign in book for contact tracing.
 - AACC will continue to use the CurlON contact tracing app implemented last season. Each person is given a QR Code which can be saved on a smart phone or printed on a card and scanned upon entering the club. Members returning from last year may use the same QR code and new members will be given one at their first night of curling. By signing in, you acknowledge that you have passed the COVID-19 screener which will be posted next to the sign-in device.
- Mask Policy - Face coverings are mandatory in the “warm areas” of the club (including the lounge and change rooms) unless you are seated and eating or drinking. Face coverings are strongly encouraged, but not mandatory, on the ice surface.
- Arrows on the floor will indicate foot traffic flow
- The ATM will still be open, but hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available
- In stage 3 – our lounge capacity limit is 74 people. (50 percent of your fire code capacity)
- Capacity for the Lounge at 50 percent is 74 people. On ice capacity we will be able to accommodate our normal 32 curlers. Spectators are allowed as long as the lounge does not exceed 74 people.

2. Hand sanitizer stations

- Hand sanitizer bottle will be positioned at the entrance/exit points of the club, at the bar and other locations throughout the clubroom.
- On Ice Hand sanitizers will be located at each end of each sheet of ice.

3. Club Room Set-up and Changerooms

- Spectator chairs will be spaced appropriately to adhere with physically distancing protocols at the window viewing area
- The kitchen will be open for use.
- **Change rooms: will be open at 50 percent capacity limit. MENS: 12 people at a time and LADIES: 6 people at a time.** PLEASE USE PROPER Physical Distancing when in the change rooms. On nights where there is only 1 gender curling, please utilize both change rooms. It's suggested to take your belongings home after every curling night.
- Masks are mandatory while walking around.
- You will not be able to stand and drink, you must be at your table or the spectator viewing area to enjoy your beverages.

4. Bar and Food

- The lounge will be open for drinks and food.
- All Tables must maintain a 2-metre separation. No Restriction on the number of people per table
- We will be tightening our restrictions on access to the bar. Only one person should be behind the bar and serving. You will not be able to serve yourself. There will be one opportunity per night to allow for a change in bartender, if need be, when on closing duties.
- Double vaccinated (unless exempted) spectators are permitted in the warm area to the limit of your AGCO License as long as tables are separated by a minimum of 2m. Also chairs at the glass should be separated by 2m with signage indicating to not move the chairs for compliance to Ministry guidelines.
- **Self-serve buffets** are permitted in Step 3. Foods must be protected from potential contamination using appropriate barriers. Traffic flow markers should be put in place. Ensure patrons are maintaining a two metres distance at all times, other than those in the same household.

5. Ice Set up

- All four sheets of ice will be installed
- Sliders will be available to new curlers as a loan out per draw.
- Brooms that are loaned out/borrowed must be properly cleaned each time they are used
- Hand sanitizer will be available at each ice on both ends.
- You are to disinfect your own rocks at the start of each game and at the end of the game one person from the team can disinfect them.
- Designate 1 person for each ice to keep score during the game, this will help limit the number of people touching the numbers. If boards and scores are used, PLEASE Disinfect after your game.

- Measuring equipment will remain accessible on the ice. Disinfect your hands before using it and wipe the sticks down after.
- Supply your own coin for the coin toss.
- Tissue and garbage receptacles will be available as usual for players on each sheet.
- Only the Head Ice Makers and the Ice Tech Team members will handle any icemaintenance equipment (this includes the Mops)

6. Game Play, Leagues.

- **Masks will not be mandatory on the ice but highly recommended at this time when there is close proximity.** Regulations allow for the removal of masks when actively participating in an organized sporting activity. All persons must wear masks from entry of the club to ice surface and again once leaving ice surface.
- **Game play is back to usual as pre covid, but please practice safe physical distancing where necessary.**
- The rocks on each sheet must be cleaned **before and after** each game.
- In the past we shake hands before and after the games – please just wish everyone a good game by not shaking hands or touching elbows.
- Non-Delivering Team: The two sweepers of the non-delivering team should be positioned on the designated markings while the other team is throwing. The player of the non-delivering team whose turn it is next to deliver should be positioned at hog-line on the same side as the two sweepers. The Skip (or Vice-Skip) will stand on the backboards but no closer than the hack.

7.) Protocols for Positive COVID-19 CASE in our Club.

- Should a member suspect or be diagnosed as positive with COVID-19 virus they must notify the Covid Risk Management committee from the board of directors (listed below) and Public Health right away, which will then instruct you what needs to happen next. Public Health will require access to the contact list of players within the league(s) that member plays. This member must follow Public Health Guidelines.
- A deep clean of the building would be conducted by a hired company with priority to the most likely areas that the infected member encountered.

8.) Cleaning of the whole facilities

- All tables, chairs, light switches, doorknobs, alarm system keypad, cooler doors in bar, cash register buttons etc., in addition to the two washrooms will be thoroughly cleaned by the hired cleaner regularly.
- A cleaning log will be kept by the Club's cleaner.
- The facility will be "fogged" after a league has used the facility.

9.) Junior Curling Program

- Youth under 18 years of age actively participating in an organized sport, including training, practices, games, and competitions are exempted from being fully vaccinated to participate in the Junior Curling Program or Leagues through the week.
- **Masks – Junior curlers age 18 and under must wear a mask while participating on the ice.**
- Spectators (this includes the parents/guardians) of the Junior Curlers **MUST** be fully vaccinated and will need to show proof upon their arrival. A Parent/Guardian must

remain in the building during the program time frame.

- Brooms and Sliders will be available

10.) Waivers and Declaration of Compliance

- Age of Majority: sign the Waiver and sign the Declaration of Compliance.
- Under the Age of Majority: parent or guardian signs the Assumption of Risk and the Declaration of Compliance (the person under the age of majority must be identified) and Concussion Code of Conduct.

11.) Ontario's Vaccination Receipt Verification

- As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with identification showing name and date of birth to access certain public settings and facilities, this also includes all volunteers, and coaches entering the building due to WDGPH mandate. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes:
 - Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout):
 - Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres.
 - Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreation sport.
 - Sporting events

Exemptions are allowed – please see Curling Canada Return to Play Guideline 2.0 page 10 for the list.

- Once shown to the designated person – this information will be kept confidential for this season.
- **Curl ON Contact Tracing APPLICATION:** As part of the update the APPLICATION will allow patrons/members/participants to scan their QR code on their first visit after the 20th.
 - On scanning the QR Code for the first time they will be asked their proof of vaccination status be shown to a designate of the Club who will then press YES (gives person access to facility) or NO (does not grant access). When pressing the YES button, the person will now be tagged as vaccine compliant and verified by a club designate.
 - Each time that person scans their QR code in the future they will be admitted as CHECKED IN, if they have not updated their status the system will ask until they are updated and compliant or will tag them as non-compliant and not admitted.