



The Municipality of Thames Centre **Return to Play Template**

Purpose

To provide user groups, organizations, businesses and service clubs who utilize Municipality of Thames Centre facilities with a template and instructions to prepare and submit their respective 'Return to Play' plan. Municipal approval may be required before commencing operations in any Municipal facility based upon the event and the associated risk factor.

Background

The Municipality of Thames Centre is using both the Skate Canada and the Hockey Canada (Return to Play) documents as a basis for preparing a "Return to Play" plan that is guiding our decisions on safe re-opening of ice sport facilities located within the Municipality of Thames Centre.

The Municipality of Thames Centre is fortunate to benefit from many volunteer driven community organizations, sports organizations and service clubs who provide social and recreational options for our residents.

As part of the Municipality of Thames Centre 'Return to Play' plan, any Figure Skating, Hockey Organizations, or private Skills Development businesses who utilize the FlightExec Centre for their ice rentals may be required to provide for the Municipalities review and approval your '**Return to Play**' plan. This will be reviewed and approved by the Director of Community Services and the Parks and Facilities Supervisor.

This template has been developed as a resource and guide for the details you should include in your respective plan. Municipal staff is available as a resource to assist your organization as you develop your plan. Your respective Provincial or National organizations may have provided you with Guideline documents that should be used as a resource when developing your plan.

Other resources that may be helpful to your organization include but is not limited to:

- **Municipality of Thames Centre website** – <https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/articles/information-covid-19>
- **Ontario Ministry of Health** – [Ontario Ministry of Health](http://www.health.gov.on.ca)
- **Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)** – <http://www.phsa.ca/>
- **Ontario Recreation Facilities Association** – <https://www.orfa.com/>
- **Parks and Recreation Ontario** – <https://www.prontario.org/>

What is Required:

The following is to be provided to the Municipality of Thames Centre for approval before your organization commencing operation in any Municipal facility.

1. **Return to Play – Return to Operation Plan** (using this template)
 - a. Complete the applicable sections below respective to your operation. Simply add information to the **'Return to Play'** plan text boxes as follows. It would be helpful if you provide a page reference if using information from your respective Provincial or National organization documents.
2. **Resources or documents** provided by your **Provincial or National** organizations that you are using or adopting as Guidelines.

Return to Play – Return to Operation Plan

Organization Name (if needed)	
Contact Name	
Address	
Email	
Phone	
Date Submitted	
Date Approved (office use only)	
Approved by (office use only)	

1. **Physical Distancing** – Outline or detail the directives your organization is going to implement to ensure physical distancing during your facility rental.

Examples

- Skill development sessions for players 10 years and younger will be allowed to have only one (1) spectator per player if needed.
- Skill development sessions for players 11 years and older will be encouraged to not have any spectators.
- Spectators will not enter with any outside food and drink.
- Not using showers in the change rooms.
- Players will be expected to arrive at the facility with equipment already on.
- Prescreening form to be completed by each participant before entry into the facility, thus saving any congregating once inside the facility.

- The instructor prepares a skills development plan to minimize gathering and lessen gathering instances.
- Warm ups and cool downs will not be allowed inside the facility.

Our Return to Play plan is as follows: (bullet points are acceptable)



2. **Cleaning and Sanitization** – Outline or detail the directives your organization is going to implement to ensure cleaning and sanitization during your program.

Examples

- There will be no shared equipment amongst team members (pucks and pylons being the exception for hockey skill development).
- Every participant will provide and use their own water bottle and place at players bench in designated spacing along top the of the boards.
- Team personnel will sanitize equipment after each practice.
- Team specific equipment (ie. jersey) will be carried by team personnel, washed in between each use.

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3. **Public Health Directives** – Outline or detail the directives your organization is going to implement to ensure Public Health directives during your program.

Examples

- Participants will be directed to sanitize their hands upon arrival.
- Participants to provide their own hand sanitizer & wipes to wipe down their own equipment following their on-ice session.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided by our facility at the entrances.
- All participants and instructors must complete a self-screen for symptoms in accordance with current public health guidelines before each session.

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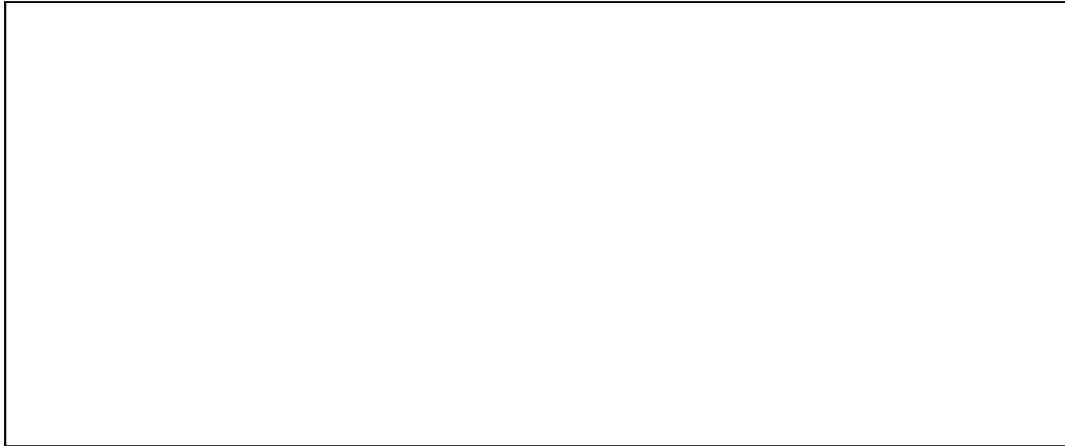


4. **PPE** – Describe what Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is going to be utilized by your organization for their operation and when will it be utilized.

Examples

- Masks may be required for use by our coaches or players when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

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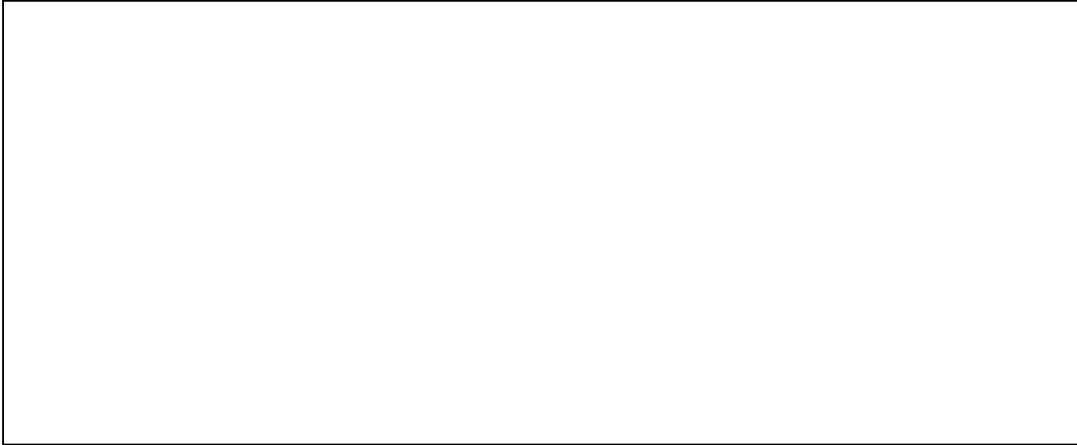


5. **Resources Included** – Please provide a copy of any Guideline documents provided by your respective Provincial or National organizations. Highlight the guidelines your organization is implementing and / or include in the respective sections on this template.

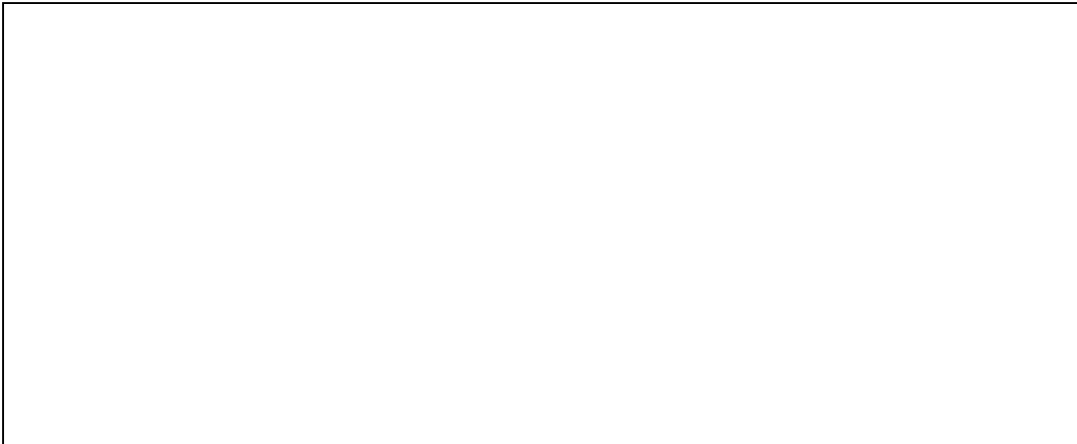
Examples (note: most are sport documents that our staff are aware of at this time)

- Hockey Canada Return to Play
- CARHA Return to Adult Recreation Hockey Play
- Skate Ontario Return to Play Protocols

The following document(s) are attached (bullet points are acceptable)

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6. Other – Provide any other directives or notes your organization will implement to mitigate COVID-19 transmission that does not fit in the categories above.

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