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**Q: 10 minutes is not enough time to change?**

A: We are still recommending that athletes come as reasonable dressed as possible to ensure adequate time for disinfection.

**Q: Why cant I stay at the rink after my ice time?**

A: The temporary COVID capacities for the Family Centre Arena is no more than 100 spectators in the entire facility AND 50 athletes on each ice surface. Basically, we want the previous group to have left before the next group arrives or we run the risk of being over capacity; as such we have staggered bookings to ensure a window of time for proper disinfection and departure/arrivals of patrons.

**Q: Where can I tie my child's skates?**

A: For all younger programming there will be temporary benches available in the lobby to ensure parents do not need to enter the dressing rooms. Please note that in a defined cohort parents are not included in the 50 person cohort capacity and that all our dressing rooms are marked for physical distancing. As many programs increase in size the dressing rooms can quickly become crowded with parents tying skates.

**Q: What's a cohort?**

A: Under stage 2 of the Alberta relaunch plan a cohort, also know as a "mini-league" or "bubble" is defined as a small group whose members -always the same people -do not always keep 2 meters apart.

**Q: Can my child be in more than one cohort?**

A: It is important that people should not be in more than one cohort. Limiting close physical contact only to those in a cohort decreases opportunities for being exposed to the virus while giving the opportunity for social interaction between individuals in a cohort. If someone does get sick, it is easier to trace a person's close contacts when cohort members are known.

**Q: Who's included in the 50 person cohort limit?**

A: A cohort includes all players, and any coaching or referees. As an example you could form a "mini-league" of four teams each consisting of 10 players and 2 coaching staff, as well as having a pair of referees to officiate any games. This would be considered a cohort with no more than 50 people. Its important to note that the 50 person limit does not include parents or spectators.

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**Q: Do cohorts need to remain physically distant?**

A: No, members in a defined cohort of no more than 50 people may interact without the 2 meter physical distancing guideline. However, it is important to remain physically distant when interacting with anyone not within your cohort.

**Q: What about showers?**

A: the showers at the arena continue to be closed as the government guidelines recommend. We are continuing to communicate with our local health official and will re-evaluate based on their recommendations.

**Q: Does everyone have to space out in the dressing rooms?**

A: No, if you are in a defined cohort you do not need to ensure physical distancing within a dressing room. If you are not within a cohort, such as during public skating, everyone should sit spaced out. All the dressing rooms are marked to ensure physical distancing.

**Q: Why doesn't everyone have masks on?**

A: Currently the Town of Strathmore only recommends mask use in the arena. Various sport organizations have made it a requirement for their members only, so it is important to check with your organization as to what their specific guidelines are.