



Media Release

North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre open for on-ice training, other facilities remain closed

July 24, 2020 – With the Town of Midland now a week into Stage 3, the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre (NSSRC) will welcome visitors for the first time on Sunday, July 26, when the first on-ice training session takes place.

“The fact we are able to reopen on a limited-basis is an encouraging step forward,” said Shawn Berriault, Director of Operations. “Our NSSRC staff have worked hard during the closure to update the facility thoroughly, and even though not all amenities will be available, it will be nice to see visitors enjoying the facility again to a certain extent.”

Strict rules and restrictions will be in place for visitors, including:

- No parents or spectators will be permitted in the facility;
- Dressing rooms will not be available for use. All participants must come fully dressed and chairs placed two metres apart will be set up in the lobby where they can put on/remove their skates;
- No more than 16 people will be allowed on the ice at one time; and
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times.

In addition, participants (and their parent(s)/guardian(s) if they’re under the age of 18) must complete an **Acknowledgement, Release, Indemnity & Assumption of Risk Regarding COVID-19 Waiver** and a **NSSRC COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire** before being granted entry into the facility. The questionnaire must be completed every time a participant wants to enter the facility for training sessions. The forms can be completed online via computer or mobile device.

“As pleased as we are to be able to provide ice time once again, it’s important that participants follow the rules and restrictions that are now in place,” said Dave Bressette, Manager of the NSSRC. “The protocols are designed to protect the health and safety of not only the participants, but staff as well so that we can ensure the facility remains open and available for use.”

The online forms, as well as a Rules & Restrictions document are available at Midland.ca/NSSRC.

Other Facilities

The following facilities will remain closed until further notice:

- Municipal Office – employees continue to work both out of the Municipal Office and remotely. For a list of services currently available please visit Midland.ca/COVID-19 and click the “Town Services Available” drop-down menu.
- Fire Department – Closed to public tours/educational activities, inspections done on a case-by-case basis.



- Water and Wastewater Treatment Centre – Closed to public.

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates on our website at [Midland.ca/COVID-19](https://www.midland.ca/COVID-19), and we encourage residents to follow our social media channels for updates as well, [@MidlandON](https://twitter.com/MidlandON) on Twitter, and [@townofmidland](https://www.facebook.com/townofmidland) on Facebook.

For more information on the state of COVID-19 in our area, please contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit their website at [simcoemuskokahealth.org](https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).



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Attachment: NSSRC Reopening photos (see next page)

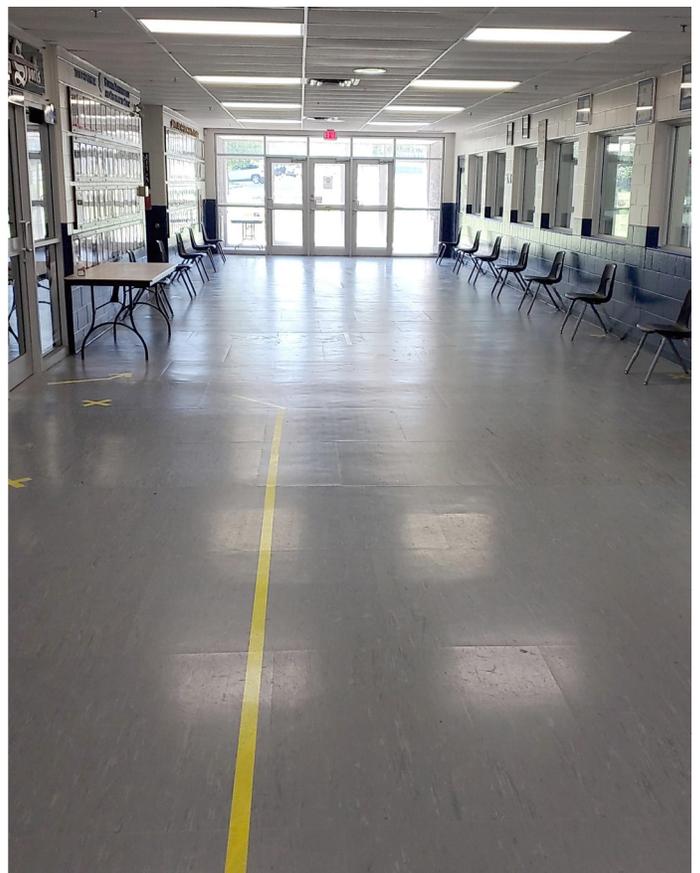
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Lobby chairs for participant to change in/out of skates, and directional/distancing floor line painting.



Staff finishing off the ice preparation/painting.

More chairs and floor lines to ensure distancing.



More lobby chairs and example of floor line painting.