



## Media Release

# Province imposes capacity limits in response to surge in COVID-19 cases

December 17, 2021 – In response to the surge in COVID-19 cases, and following the [provincial announcement of new restrictions to control the spread of the Omicron variant](#), the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre (NSSRC) will be restricting the number of people that can enter the facility to 50% capacity, effective at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, December 19, 2021. This includes the rinks and gyms within the facility. Capacity limits for each given space will be posted at entry points.

“The NSSRC will remain open at this time, however we will be operating under reduced capacity limits in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” said Dylan Flannery, Director of Operations. “We are working with the associations who use our facility to ensure this is communicated to all of their groups, and we appreciate the patience of our residents as we adjust to this change.”

The Town of Midland will also continue to monitor the situation very carefully with all our services to ensure we can provide essential support to our town while keeping of staff and residents safe. If there are any changes in addition to those being announced today, we will ensure the public is made aware.

## When visiting the NSSRC

### Who is required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination?

When entering the NSSRC, visitors will be greeted by staff and must provide proof of vaccination and valid identification if they're in the following groups:

- All entrants aged 12 and older\*

### \*Exemptions

Exemptions apply to both groups above, including medical exemptions. Proof of medical exemptions is required in the form of a written document along with valid identification.

### What documents are needed to enter the NSSRC?

Visitors to the NSSRC will need to provide the following:

1. COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination (QR code preferred **until January 4, 2022 mandatory adoption**) proving the visitor has received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to entry.
2. Valid identification.

Examples of acceptable identification documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Citizenship card
- Driver's Licence
- Government issued ID card (Ontario or other)
- Health Card
- Indian Status Card/Indigenous Membership Card
- Passport
- Permanent Resident Card

**Photo identification is not required. Please note that a negative COVID-19 test, or recent COVID-19 infection is not considered being fully vaccinated.**



For full details on exemptions, valid vaccination receipts and valid identification please see the [NSSRC Proof of Vaccination Policy and Procedures document](#) available at [Midland.ca/NSSRC](#).

**Additional Notes for Entering the NSSRC:**

- All other public health measures (e.g., masking, physical distancing) and capacity limits continue to apply.
- Staff will continue to actively screen all entrants for COVID-19 symptoms.
- All facility participants must enter through the main entrance.
- A master participant lists from all user groups and minor sport organizations will be required for contact tracing purposes.
- Participants will be permitted two (2) spectators each. Midland Flyers capacity is currently capped at 150 spectators.
- Hockey participants are allowed to enter 30 minutes prior to their rental; Gym users are allowed to enter 10 minutes prior to their rental.

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



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