

LETHBRIDGE SPORT COUNCIL RESTRICTIONS EXEMPTION PROGRAM PROCEDURE

Background

On September 15, 2021, the Government of Alberta declared a state of public health emergency. New public health restrictions came into effect starting September 16 to reduce spread and protect the health care system. As part of the new public health restrictions, businesses may participate in the Restrictions Exemption Program.

Starting September 20, 2021, the City of Lethbridge implemented the Government of Alberta's Restriction Exemption Program at all City operated facilities including Nicholas Sheran Arena, where the Lethbridge Sport Council office and Community Room are located.

The City of Lethbridge has implemented a mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for all City staff, and staff and volunteers for its Fee for Service agreement partners and contractors. This policy will require individuals to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by November 15, 2021.

Lethbridge Sport Council General Operations Procedures

Effective September 20, 2021, the Lethbridge Sport Council implemented the Restriction Exemption Program for general operations, programs, and events in accordance with the Government of Alberta Restriction Exemption Program and City of Lethbridge operated facility guidelines.

In accordance with the City of Lethbridge COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, Lethbridge Sport Council staff, contractors, and volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine series by November 15, 2021. For complete details, refer to the City policy.

Lethbridge Sport Council Visitors, Program, and Event Procedures

As mandated by the Government of Alberta, indoor mandatory masking and physical distancing guidelines continue. The Restriction Exemption Program applies to all Lethbridge Sport Council programs, events, Community Room rentals, and Lethbridge Sport Council visitors who enter Nicholas Sheran Arena.

Workers (staff, contractors, and volunteers) and program participants 18 years of age and older will be required to show the following:

- Proof of vaccination (paper or digital) along with a government issued photo identification,
 - partial vaccination accepted to October 25 if received 2 weeks before time of service
 - full vaccination series required after October 25
- proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of service (tests from Alberta Health Services or Alberta Precision Laboratories not allowed), or
- An original (non-copied) medical exemption letter as outlined by the Government of Alberta.

Those under age 18 are not required to provide proof of immunization or a negative test to participate in Lethbridge Sport Council programs.

Lethbridge Sport Council Community Room renter is responsible to ensure their participants meet the Restriction Exemption Program criteria.

Outdoor activities are not included in the Restriction Exemption Program.

These procedures and the Restriction Exemption Program will remain in full effect until the Government of Alberta rescinds the current Public Health Order and will be updated as the Orders or restrictions change.