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News Release

December 2, 2021 – COVID Update

On Wednesday September 15, 2021, The Government of Alberta declared a state of public health emergency and introduced new temporary measures to reduce transmission to come into effect beginning September 16, 2021. Detailed Information regarding these measures can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise, largely in unvaccinated Albertans. New measures to protect the health care system, stop the spread and increase vaccination rates come into effect starting September 16. Getting vaccinated makes everyone safer.

The Town of Bentley has been given authorization from AHS to operate a hybrid system for two programming streams at the Bentley Arena.

- 1.) **Youth (under 18)** will continue to participate at the Arena with the 1/3 capacity restriction and proof of vaccination is not required at this time for participants, coaches, and spectators. However, all other protocol must be followed and complied with including indoor masking.
- 2.) **Adult (18 and over)** Teams can resume activity beginning December 6, 2021, but must implement and follow the REP program, whereby they ensure all participants have met the requirements of the program by providing proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 Test. It is each team's responsibility to implement their own REP program and meet or exceed all AHS requirements to allow team play. They should keep the appropriate records of requiring the proof of vaccination including completion of the Town of Bentley Proof of Vaccination Form. You must be able to provide evidence that you are following the program if asked to prove or show that you are.

Town of Bentley's response to the new measures includes the following effective November 30, 2021

- Senior Drop-in on Tuesday's is operating, and they are requiring proof of vaccination to be eligible to participate in their activities.
- All youth programs running in the basement at the Town Hall can continue to run if they are following all vaccination screening requirements, masking requirements and social distancing requirements
- Any adult or senior program running at the Town Hall can continue if proof of vaccinations or negative test results are provided by participants to the program organizer.

Bentley Arena & Curling Club

- **Implementing the Restrictions Exemption Program**
 - **Youth (under 18) sport, fitness, recreation, and performance activities** including indoor group classes, training and competitions are currently permitted but participants must:
 - screen for symptoms (**utilizing the Town app**)
 - maintain 2 metres distancing, except youth while engaging in physical activity
 - wear a mask, except youth while engaged in physical activity
 - Any participant/spectator/coach etc. (**18 years or older**) must complete the Bentley Arena Proof of Vaccination Form and provide to their team representative.
 - either a vaccine medical exemption letter provided by an authorized health professional that prevents the person from being vaccinated; or
 - proof of a negative COVID Test from a sample taken within the last 72 hours; or
 - provide proof of vaccination as per the below requirements.
 - A. Must complete the Bentley Arena Proof of vaccination form and attest to receiving two doses of a World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine in a two dose vaccine series and has had fourteen (14) or more days elapse since the date on which the person received the first dose of vaccine.

OR
 - B. Must complete the Bentley Arena Proof of vaccination form and attest to receiving at least one dose in a one dose World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine series and has had fourteen (14) days or more elapse since the date on which the person received the one dose of vaccine.

OR
 - C. Must provide a test result (written or printed) that indicates the individual has tested negative for COVID-19 on a Health Canada approved rapid antigen, rapid PCR, or lab-based PCR test approved by Health Canada or the lab accreditation body of jurisdiction.
 - It must clearly outline the laboratory that completed the test, the type of test, time of sample collection, and clear indication of a negative result.
 - Picture of a rapid test result taken off site is not sufficient for this purpose
 - Individuals must not bring completed rapid tests or self-tests to operators, as they can pose a communicable disease risk.

- Youth (under 18) and Adult (over 18) sport, fitness, recreation, and performance activities performed outside can continue with no restrictions
- The Town Office internal door remains closed to the public, the exterior door will remain open, and residents can still receive service through the door as there is a slot to exchange paperwork and the debit machine.

Sincerely,
Marc Fortais
Chief Administrative Officer