

Zorra Recreation Facilities – 50% Capacity Update Effective Dec 19, 2021



The Township of Zorra remains committed to providing a safe and positive experience for user groups. Staff will continue to follow guidance issued by Southwestern Public Health and orders from the Province of Ontario. Renters and organizations are responsible for adhering to this policy.

Effective December 19, 2021 Zorra Township Recreation Facilities under order of the Province of Ontario will reduce to 50% visitor capacity.

Premier of Ontario December 17 press release –

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001366/ontario-further-strengthening-response-to-omicron>

The Township of Zorra's recreation facilities will continue to operate with the following precautions:

General Precautions:

- Facility Capacities will be lowered to 50% and posted at facility entrances
- All visitors must complete a COVID-19 screening assessment before entry into the facility.
 - Scan the QR code outside to complete the Canatrace screening tool or use the tablet provided inside the entrance. Present the screening confirmation to arena staff inside.
- All visitors 12 years or older are required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination along with government issued identification prior to entry at recreation facilities in compliance with Ontario Regulation 645/21.
 - The following visitors are exempt:
 - Individuals aged 11 or younger.
 - Individuals who provide a medical reason, from an Ontario medical doctor or registered nurse in the extended class, for not being vaccinated.
 - Effective January 4, 2022 all visitors must provide their Enhanced Vaccine Certificate as provided by the Province of Ontario. The QR code included in the certificate will be scanned and verified to permit access to the facility.
- Do not enter the facility if you have:
 - Travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days.
 - You have symptoms of COVID-19 or are feeling unwell.
 - Had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 14 days.
- Maintain 2 metres physical distance from members of other households.
- All visitors over the age of 2 are required to wear a face covering unless engaged in physical activities or are exempt for medical reasons
- Wash hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer frequently.
- Read and follow posted signs or directions from facility staff.
- Facility bookings will not be processed in-person. Bookings will be coordinated via phone or email only. (519-485-2793 ext. 7223 or booking@zorra.ca)

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Arena Specific Details:

- A maximum of 50 on ice participants are permitted per ice time
 - Spectators are limited 50% of the grandstand capacity:
 - 80 spectators for Thamesford Arena
 - 90 spectators for Embro Arena
 - Capacity will be filled on a first come basis. Sports organizations may set further limits on the number of spectators per skater.
 - Priority entrance will be given to participants, coaches and trainer and volunteers 30 minutes before their scheduled time. Minors may have 1 supervising adult accompany them during this priority entry time.
 - The remaining spectators will enter at 10 minutes before the ice time and proceed directly through the lobby to the spectator's area.
- Participants will enter the facility proceeding directly to their assigned dressing room(s)
 - Dressing rooms have a capacity of 15 skaters per room.
 - Parents/caregivers are permitted in the dressing room to assist with equipment. When not assisting they are to wait in the lobby until spectator area is clear.
 - Do not stand in the dressing room hallway, as it is to be kept clear.
- Participants, along with supervising adults will remain in the dressing room(s) or lobby until the ice and hallway have been cleared between groups.
- Once directed by staff, participants will go directly to the ice surface and supervising adults will move to the viewing area.
- At the end of the ice time, participants will move directly to their assigned dressing room(s). Spectators will clear the viewing area immediately. If not assisting with removing equipment, they will leave the building through the marked exit.
- Participants will have 30 minutes from the end of their ice time to change and exit the facility through the designated exit.
- Please remain physically distanced (2 metres) from members of other households, including in the parking lot while departing.
- Consumption and sale of food and drink in sports facilities is prohibited at this time.

Hall Specific Details:

Reduced hall capacities are calculated at 50% of the maximum occupant load. Halls remain at full capacity for weddings, funerals or religious service, rite, or ceremony; associated social gatherings (e.g. wedding or funeral receptions) are subject to reduced capacity limits.

- A maximum of 10 people is permitted to sit at a table and patrons are required to remain seated during food or drink service.
- Halls are required to close by 11 p.m. and there will be no service of alcohol beyond 10 p.m. Take out service is permitted beyond 11 p.m.
- Dancing is not permitted at this time except for by performers.

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The following capacities have been established at Zorra facilities:

The Large Hall at the Embro Zorra Community Centre and Thamesford District Recreation Centre

- 150 people for organized social events or performances.
- 300 people for a wedding, funeral or religious service.

The Beaty Room and the Small Hall at the Embro Zorra Community Centre

- 40 people for organized social events or performances.
- 80 people for a wedding, funeral or religious service.

If you have comments on this policy or upcoming changes please contact Matthew Brown, Director of Recreation & Facilities. Individuals who cause a disturbance or are aggressive toward facility staff will be asked to leave. Inappropriate behavior or non-compliance with this policy could result in a facility ban for involved parties.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Matthew Brown
Director of Recreation & Facilities
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**Please scan the QR Code to enter your COVID-19
Screening information prior to entering the facility.**

**You will be required to show your successful result
at the entrance.**

Bookmark the screening website for future visits.

