

# Summerland Curling Club

## COVID-19

### Return to Curling Plan

January 18, 2022. v 2.0



In January 2022 the Omicron variant of COVID-19 is sweeping BC and the Provincial Health Authority has instructed all curling clubs to reinstate and update their original Return to Curling Safety Plans from September 2020.

The primary objective of the Summerland Curling Club (SCC) is to offer curling opportunities to all residents of Summerland and the surrounding area. The SCC rents curling ice space, the lobby, and the lounge area from the District of Summerland from October 1 to March 31 each year.

The Parks and Recreation department manage operations at the Summerland Arena and Curling facility. Their focus is to align with BC's Restart Plan and the Provincial Health Office (PHO) guidelines and directives to re-open facilities. One of the mandates from Curl BC is to create a document called "Return to Curling Plan" which addresses how we will open and operate the club in this global pandemic.

This document along with the Risk Management Chart and the Illness Policy listed at the back will be posted at the curling club and available online for members to view.

### BC's Restart Plan: Principles for Curling Guidelines:

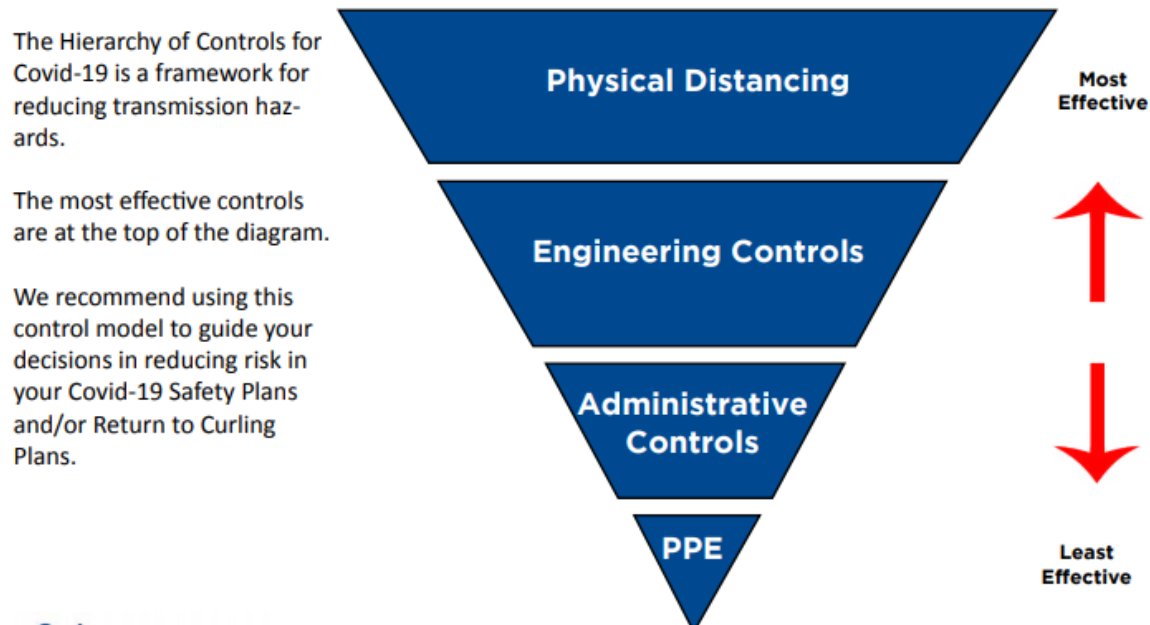
BC's Restart Plan outlines 5 principles to apply to every situation. These are integrated into the guidelines and considerations in this document.

## ***Five principles for every situation***

Personal Hygiene	Stay home if you are sick	Environmental Hygiene	Safe social interactions	Physical Modifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frequent hand washing</li><li>• Cough into your sleeve</li><li>• Wear a non-medical mask</li><li>• No hand-shakes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Routine daily screening</li><li>• Anyone with any symptoms must stay away from others</li><li>• Returning travellers must self isolate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More frequent cleaning</li><li>• Enhanced surface sanitation</li><li>• Touchless technology</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet with small numbers of people</li><li>• Maintain distance between you and people</li><li>• Size of room: the bigger the better</li><li>• Outdoor over indoor</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spacing within rooms or in transit</li><li>• Room design</li><li>• Plexiglass barriers</li><li>• Movement of people within spaces</li></ul>

## WorkSafe BC – Levels of Protection.

The attached WorkSafe BC diagram identifies 4 levels of protection for contracting or controlling the spread of COVID-19 and explains the effectiveness of each level of control.



## Summerland Curling Club Safety Plan: Levels of Protection

1. Physical Distancing (First Level Protection)
  - Maintaining a physical distance of 2 meters is recommended in common areas and on the ice.
  - The number of people allowed in the lobby of the curling club is 50% of our capacity.
  - Masks must be worn at all times while in the lobby, stairwell, and lounge. Masks are optional for curlers on the ice.
  - The PHO instructed the SCC to close our lounge on Dec 23, 2021, and it remains closed until at least Feb 16, 2022.
  - Anyone showing COVID-19 symptoms must self isolate and follow guidelines set out in the SCC Illness Policy before they return to the curling club.
2. Engineering Controls: (Second Level Protection)
  - We have Installed plexiglass at the bar area to provide a physical barrier to airborne transmission.
  - Two standing hand sanitization stations and 2 wall hand sanitization stations have been installed at the curling club.
  - A railing has been installed near the bar to direct the flow of patrons ordering drinks.
3. Administrative Controls: (Third Level Protection)
  - Masks must be worn in all common areas of the SCC, but are optional on the ice.
  - Members, staff, and volunteers are encouraged to use hand sanitizer when entering the facility.

4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): (Fourth Level Protection)
  - Members are responsible for bringing their own PPE to the curling rink.
  - At the SCC it is mandatory for curlers to wear face masks in common areas.
  - Our lounge is currently closed due to Provincial Health Orders.

## Curling Canada + Curl BC - Rule Changes for 2021/22

- The SCC recommends that masks be worn on the ice, but they are optional.
- Up to Jan 2022, 2 sweepers were allowed per stone. After Jan 18 Curl BC is recommending one sweeper but the SCC is allowing teams the option of using either one or two sweepers.
- Opposition members are allowed to sweep their opponents rocks behind the tee-line.
- No pre-game or post-game handshakes.
- Thirds bring a coin to the rink to toss to decide last stone advantage.
- Scoreboards will be used and sanitized after each game.
- 2m physical distance is recommended for all curlers while on the ice.

## SCC COVID-19 Rules and Regulations for Members

### A. General Information:

- In September 2021 the SCC Executive passed a motion stating all SCC members must be fully vaccinated (first and second dose) by October 24, 2021.
- Only those fully vaccinated members 12 years of age and older are allowed to play in the SCC adult leagues.
- Contact tracing is not required at the SCC this season.
- Lockers are in use this year and curlers are allowed to dress at the rink.
- Use of rental equipment is allowed this year, with daily cleaning required.
- League schedules will be posted on the bulletin boards and on our website.
- Weekly curling updates will be posted to the TV in the lobby.
- Spares must be club members. No outside spares are allowed.
- The league rep will determine how each league will run.

### B. Arriving at the Rink:

- Enter and exit through the main entrance door and wear a mask in all common areas.
- Clean your hands at the sanitization station and use the boot cleaning machine.
- Tables and chairs are provided for members to change your shoes.
- Bring your own water bottles as on-ice water is not supplied for precautionary reasons.
- Be aware of 2m social distancing in the lobby before your game.

### C. On the Ice:

- Masks are optional for all curlers on the ice.
- Acknowledge your opposition with broom taps or fist taps.
- Toss a coin to decide who has the hammer.
- One or two sweepers per rock are allowed and teams can sweep behind the tee-line.

#### D. Lounge Rules:

- From Oct 12, 2021 to Dec 18, 2021 our lounge was open. There was no limit to the number of curlers at a table as per lounge rules. Masks were required until you were seated at a table.
- As of December 23, 2021, the new Provincial Health Orders closed our lounge to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Any bar or lounge that does not offer food service must close.
- As of January 18, 2022, the PH order is still in effect with no set end date for lounges to reopen.

### SCC COVID-19 Cleaning Protocols:

- At the end of the day or early the following morning, the Parks and Recreation Department arena staff will do a full clean of the washrooms in the curling club.
- Each morning, the Ice Technicians will use hydrogen peroxide to spray down the chairs and tables in the lobby and in the lounge upstairs.
- Prior to nighttime curling, the tables and chairs in the lounge upstairs will be sprayed with hydrogen peroxide.
- All rock handles will be wiped down prior to each game by the Ice Technician.
- The Ice Technician will spray the scoreboards and numbers prior to each league game.

### SCC Shutdown Process:

1. The SCC Executive will send an email to all members, staff and volunteers informing them that all activities at the club will cease and the club will close immediately.
2. Our website will be updated with the closure notice and paper notices will be placed on the front door of the curling club.
3. No further curling activities will occur at the club until it has been decided it is safe to re-open.

**Note:** In early January 2021, there was an outbreak of the omicron variant within our community. As a result, the SCC Executive held an Emergency Executive Meeting and passed a motion to close the curling club from January 12 to January 24, 2022. This closure was intended to break the spread of the virus through our members and move past the peak of infections within our community.

At the January 20 Executive Meeting it was decided that the club should reopen. The SCC was reopened to regular league curling on January 24, 2022.

### Additional COVID-19 Documents:

In addition to the updated January 18, 2022 SCC Return to Curling Plan, the following documents can be accessed on our website at [summerlandcurling.org](http://summerlandcurling.org)

- SCC Risk Management v 1.0
- SCC COVID-19 Illness Policy Jan 18, 2022
- WorkSafe BC Supplemental COVID-19 Safety Plan