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COVID-19 Response: Community Update

Harrow Arena opening and Building/By-law Division returning to regular operating hours

Essex- The Harrow & Colchester South Community Centre will open its doors to recreational ice rink user groups beginning Tuesday, September 8, with new protocols in place.

Prior to entering, arena users will undergo COVID-19 screening conducted by staff or volunteers of the league or organization they are participating with. User groups will also be asked to follow the facility guidelines outlined in the [Facility User's Guide](#), available online. The Town has also [published a video walkthrough](#) to show what visitors can expect when they attend the arena for activities.

"We are working closely with all of our user groups to ensure a safe return to arena activities in our community," said Doug Sweet, Deputy CAO and Director, Community Services. "We are excited to welcome players and participants back to the ice, and we're asking for their cooperation and patience as we all adjust to the new procedures in place."

Sweet added that the Essex Centre Sports Complex remains closed for repairs until further notice.

The Building & By-law Division Building at 2610 County Road 12 will also return to regular operating hours (open 8:30am to 4:30pm, closed Noon to 1:00pm, Monday to Friday) starting Tuesday, September 8. Town Hall at 33 Talbot Street South continues to operate with modified hours (8:30am to 4:30pm, closed 11:30am to 1:30pm.)

All visitors to Town of Essex facilities are reminded to continue to follow physical distancing and hand hygiene recommendations from public health officials. All visitors will also be screened for symptoms or possible previous exposures to COVID-19. Anyone who is showing symptoms or confirms exposure to a known case of COVID-19 should stay home and seek guidance from the Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

Visitors are also asked to only attend Town facilities for essential visits. In lieu of in-person visits, [a number of services can be found online.](#)

For guidance on what individuals can do to reduce their risk of contracting the virus, or what to do if they display symptoms, please visit the [Ontario Ministry of Health's COVID-19 resource page](#). For local updates, please visit [Windsor Essex County Health Unit's Novel Coronavirus page](#).

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