

# COVID-19 Addendum to Facility Use Agreement/License

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!***

Dr. Bonnie Henry stated on May 16, 2020 that “COVID-19 is new for all of us”. We at Town of Smithers responded to the direction from our public health officials to first close our facilities and cease offering services, and we are now responding to the direction to reopen our facilities and offer services to our community cautiously, with the safety of our staff and community being our priority. This includes permitting user groups access to our facilities, but solely on the basis that COVID-19 precautions will be adhered to by any and all user groups and individual participants.

COVID-19 remains a worldwide pandemic and a threat to our local health and safety. We know the following (this list is not intended to be exhaustive):

1. The infectious agent, SARS-CoV-2, has caused cases and outbreaks of a serious communicable disease known as COVID-19 among the population of the Province of British Columbia;
2. Our public health officials have determined this constitutes a regional event, as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
3. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person is in contact; and
4. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19.

We cannot be certain that a person (of any age) will not contract SARS-CoV-2 at one of our facilities and/or while participating in one of our programs, but we have taken the steps required to develop our COVID-19 Safety Plan, which is available for your review at <http://www.smithers.ca/residents/recreation-parks-culture/arenas>. We have also developed COVID-19 policies and procedures, which are available for your review here <http://www.smithers.ca/>. We have implemented our COVID-19 Safety Plan and will be applying our policies and procedures, but **the risk remains that a COVID 19 outbreak could occur despite our efforts.**

As the representative of a user group, you are required to read and confirm that you understand the COVID-19 Safety Plan and COVID-19 policies and procedures. You are required to circulate this Addendum to the participants in the activity for which you are utilizing our facilities. You are required to take steps to ensure that participants act in accordance with the COVID-19 Safety Plan and COVID-19 policies and procedures. Failure to adhere to the same could result in your user group’s license being revoked without refund of any fees and/or any particular person being banned from access to our facilities.

It is vital that no person who feels sick in any way visit any of our facilities and/or utilize any of our services. It is also vital that no person brings a child who feels unwell or is showing any symptoms of illness to any of our facilities and/or programs.

It is vital that any person who believes that they may have become ill or their child may have become ill within 14 days of visiting one of our facilities report this immediately to us by contacting the Town Director of Corporate Services, Dianna Plouffe and seek appropriate medical attention by first calling 8-1-1. We will share personal information for the purposes of contact tracing if the need arises. To attend our facilities, all persons taking part in your activities must consent to the same.

For more information regarding the risks associated with COVID-19, please review the BC CDC guidelines for recreation facilities: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/community-settings/recreation-facilities>.

I have read, understand and agree to this Addendum to Facility Use Agreement/License.	INITIAL HERE
I have reviewed the [NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT] COVID-19 Safety Plan.	INITIAL HERE
I have reviewed the [NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT] COVID-19 Policies and Procedures.	INITIAL HERE
I have reviewed this Addendum to Facility Use Agreement/License with all participants in the activity(ies).	INITIAL HERE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name clearly

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cellular Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Email