

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Orillia COVID-19 Assessment Centre Located at Rotary Place

Will this impact our facility rental at Rotary Place?

No, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit approved the use of Rotary Place as an Assessment Centre in conjunction with regular programming. Your facility rental will continue as scheduled and programming will not be affected.

The Assessment Centre will be completely separated from regular programming at Rotary Place. Those attending the Assessment Centre will enter and exit the building through a separate entrance/exit. The testing will take place on the Blue Surface (arena floor). Strict protocols will be in place to maintain separation between those attending the Assessment Centre and those attending Rotary Place for facility rentals and recreation programs.

What safety protocols are in place?

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) approved the use of Rotary Place as an Assessment Centre in conjunction with regular programming. There are no concerns from Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, or from a clinical and epidemiological perspective with this use.

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The facility allows for dedicated entry and exit and a complete separation of the Assessment Centre from the rest of the building to allow for regularly scheduled programming to continue.

- Areas for entry, screening and assessment as well as exiting the building will be kept separate from the remainder of the building.
- The City of Orillia continues to complete enhanced cleaning of Rotary Place and Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital is responsible for thorough cleaning of the assessment centre as per their protocols.
- Airflow in Rotary Place was assessed and found to be more than what is required.
- All waste related to the assessment centre will be removed from the site. Nothing will be stored at Rotary Place.
- The separate entrances for Rotary and for the assessment centre, including the number of walls and/or spaces between the two areas maintains separation to ensure there are no contact opportunities between user groups. Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital staff will be in the parking lot to ensure there is no confusion as to what entrance should be used.

- User groups also have protocols in place to ensure COVID-19 prevention measures are adhered to.
- Everyone is required to sanitize their hands, put on a mask at all entry points of building and maintain physical distance COVID-19 screening will continue to take place at regular programming entry points of the building.

Why was Rotary Place chosen?

After careful consideration, Rotary Place, located at 100 University Ave., was chosen by Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and City staff, in consultation with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), as the best location for the new Assessment Centre. The facility allows for ample parking, dedicated entry and exit, a large arena floor for testing, and a complete separation of the Assessment Centre from the rest of the building to allow for regularly scheduled recreation programming to continue.

This location enables the hospital to provide service indoors during the colder winter months ahead, and it offers adequate parking that will be needed under the new 'appointments only-based' model mandated by the province.

Who is responsible for cleaning the facility and ensuring proper sanitizing?

Rotary Place is maintained and operated by the City of Orillia. Facility staff are following enhanced cleaning protocols as laid out by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital will also be conducting cleaning as per their protocols at the Assessment Centre.