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Outdoor Rinks Opening

Edson, Alberta, December 29th, 2020 – With the lower local active COVID-19 case numbers announced by the Province yesterday, the Town of Edson will be opening the local outdoor skating rinks (ODRs) for public use.

The Edson Emergency Coordination Centre feels the reduction in active cases makes this an appropriate time to re-open the facilities. The community rinks in Westhaven and Tiffin will be flooded and could be ready for skaters as early as tomorrow. The Glenwood and Griffiths Park rinks still require some work due to the warm weather and lack of snow. It's hoped they can be opened next week. We'll have more details on our website, Facebook page and mobile app as the ODRs open.

There are some new Provincial guidelines to keep in mind as you head out to enjoy the ice.

- Indoor shelters and change areas will remain closed.
- Strict capacities on each ODR. Capacity is based on rink dimensions and will be posted on site.
- Proper distancing must be maintained between family groups (at least 2 meters).
- Private gatherings involving people from different households are prohibited in any indoor or outdoor location.
- No competitions, games, or events can occur. (skating only)
- No shinny, tag, or pickup games.

We ask for everyone to take note of the rule changes as they will be monitored, and this could impact future decisions on the facilities.

As of December 28th, 2020, the Edson Zone (Central Yellowhead County) is listed as having 42 confirmed active COVID-19 cases.

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