

# RECREATION FACILITIES

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PERMIT HOLDERS

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### City of Hamilton

### Applicable for all permit-issued INDOOR & OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

In accordance with the Reopening Ontario Act, Regulations 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3, all City of Hamilton operated facilities used for sport, recreation, fitness, meetings, and events (including all permit holders for such facilities) will follow the guidelines outlined below.

FACILITY ACCESS REQUIREMENTS for All Visitors, Spectators, Volunteers, and Participants Entering Recreation Facilities	
<b>VACCINE VERIFICATION</b> (scanned by facility staff or keyholders)	<p>Each person who enters an <b>indoor</b> facility for sports, recreation, meetings, or events must show identification and scan COVID-19 proof of vaccination (QR code) at entry. Proof of vaccination may also be required for some outdoor activities and events.</p> <p><b>You do not have to show your proof of vaccination if you are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children under age 12 OR Children who were born in 2010 and who are 12 years and 12 weeks of age or younger.</li><li>• Entering a business temporarily to: use a washroom, access an outdoor area, make a admission/membership purchase</li><li>• Accessing social services (for example, health services, vaccination clinics, meal or food access, EarlyON programs)</li><li>• Entering the business for health and safety purposes</li></ul> <p><b>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.hamilton.ca/ProofOfVaccination">www.hamilton.ca/ProofOfVaccination</a></b></p>
<b>HEALTH SCREENING/</b> (confirmed by facility staff or keyholders)	<p>In accordance with Provincial recommended screening tool: <a href="#">Self-Assessment Tool</a> and any recreation facility Health Screening posters. Health screening information does not need to be retained. Contact tracing records are no longer required.</p>
<b>MASKS / FACE COVERINGS</b>	<p>Any person entering an indoor area must wear a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin, unless: engaging in a fitness/sport activity, briefly consuming food/drink while distanced, under the age of 2, or medically unable to wear (documentation not required).</p>
REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PERMIT HOLDERS and Program/Event Operators	
<b>COVID-19 Safety Plan</b>	<p>Must be in place and describe the steps being taken to adhere to all regulations and requirements, <b>including distancing and crowd control</b>. Rental requirements and templates can be found at: <a href="#">Private Rentals</a> <a href="#">Public Events</a> <a href="#">Province of Ontario safety plan</a></p>
<b>Day Camps</b>	<p>Must follow <a href="#">Day Camp Provincial Guidelines</a></p>
<b>Organized Sports Leagues</b>	<p>Safety plan outlining all public health measures being taken to mitigate contact and transmission throughout activities planned must be in place. Sport leagues are strongly encouraged to follow a Return to Sport plan outlined by their governing body.</p>
ADDITIONAL CAPACITY or FACILITY RESTRICTIONS	
<b>Indoor Recreation Facilities and Arenas</b>	<p>Spectator areas limited to 50% seating capacity. Capacities may be further reduced for safety or to ensure program ratios and quality. Confirm with facility supervisor.</p>
<b>Events, Festivals or Fairs</b>	<p>Indoor spaces limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person. Distancing/capacities not required on days where Proof of Vaccination is required. Proof of vaccination required for outdoor events greater than 20, 000.</p>
<b>Private Gatherings or Social Events</b>	<p>Capacity must stay within the social gathering limits as determined by the Province of Ontario.</p>

# PROVINCE OF ONTARIO'S COVID-19 ROADMAP TO REOPEN

## COVID-19 ROADMAP TO REOPEN

The Roadmap to Reopen is a three-step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures. The plan is based on:

- the provincewide vaccination rate
- improvements in key public health and health care indicators

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower, and permitting retail with restrictions.	Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people and with face coverings being worn.	Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings cannot always be worn.

For more information: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>

Businesses and services that can operate in each step, including restrictions or measures required to operate, are further defined in the [Reopening Ontario Act, 2020](#). The following authorities make decisions regarding reopening Recreation Division offered amenities and services, including final compliance requirements and guidelines:

### Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)

Provides approval for any municipal services reopening/closing

### City of Hamilton, Public Health Unit

Identifies local application of measures, including any additional public health requirements for safe reopening

### Recreation Management Team

Identifies Division phased service return and procedures to ensure measures are met by all staff teams and permit holders

## COVID-19 Guidance for Sport and Recreation Organizers

Hamilton Public Health Services encourages physical activity. Organized sport and recreation are important for health and wellbeing. Organizations and individuals can lower the risk of acquiring COVID-19 associated with organized sport by following safety precautions.

Resources for sport and recreation organizers are available at: <https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus/covid-19-guidance-sport-and-recreation-organizers>



- Tips to stay active
- Guidance checklist for sport organizers
- Safety Plan templates
- Guidance for close contacts and what to do if there is a case of COVID-19 within your sports organization
- Sample information letters for participants and their caregivers