

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: **ROADMAP EXIT STEP**, 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

<p>HEALTH SCREENING</p>	<p>In accordance with Provincial recommended screening tool: Self-Assessment Tool and any recreation facility health screening posters. Health screening information does not need to be retained. Contact tracing records are no longer required.</p>
<p>MASKS / FACE COVERINGS</p>	<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

<p>COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN</p>	<p>Must be in place and describe the steps being taken to adhere to all regulations and requirements. Rental requirements and templates can be found at: Private Rentals Public Events Province of Ontario safety plan</p>
<p>DAY CAMPS</p>	<p>Must follow provincial Day Camp Guidelines. Day Camp Provincial Guidelines</p>
<p>ORGANIZED SPORTS LEAGUES</p>	<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 reopening (Return to Sport) plan outlined by their governing body and the Hamilton Public Health Services guidance for sport and recreation organizers. https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus/covid-19-guidance-sport-and-recreation-organizers</p>

ADDITIONAL CAPACITY or FACILITY RESTRICTIONS

<p>Indoor Recreation Facilities and Arenas</p>	<p>Capacities may be further reduced for safety or to ensure program ratios and quality. Confirm with facility supervisor.</p>
<p>Concessions or Food Service</p>	<p>Must have the following measures in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concessions or bring-your-own food only, no buffets or self-serve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables and seating areas disinfected frequently • Food must be wrapped or served with utensils • Anyone preparing or cooking food must be Food Handler Certified (does not include serving pre-packaged or non-heated items)

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 province-wide 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 well-being. 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