

September, 2020

COVID-19 Facility Guidelines for Community Centres

The continued health and well-being of residents and staff remains our priority. The following guidelines are being implemented to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As COVID-19 measures change, guidelines will be reviewed and amended as appropriate and all users and the wider community will be provided with updated information. These guidelines reflect rules set by the province, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, and the municipality.

Community Centre Halls

- The community centre halls are not available to be booked at this time while they serve the community to support the COVID Screening Centre and Council Chambers.

Entry

- The community centre doors will remain locked at all times. Access will be provided to user groups and residents at the time of their scheduled activity and will follow a first come, first served format adhering to the capacity of the activity.
- COVID-19 screening must take place for each individual entering the community centre. For all rentals, this will be the responsibility of the organizers renting the space. For free public use, County staff will conduct the screening.
- Any person who identifies as having any symptoms or fails the self-screening tool ([available online](#)) will not be permitted to enter the community centre.
- All patrons must sanitize their hands before entering the facilities.
- Avoid high contact touch points (door handles, counters, etc.) wherever possible.

Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing of at least 2 metres (6 feet) from other persons should be maintained to the fullest extent possible while in the facilities.
- Limit the amount of physical contact as much as possible.
- Make every attempt to limit close contact with other individuals to 15 minutes or less.

Use of Face Coverings/Masks

- Everyone must wear a face covering/mask inside the community centres in accordance with Hastings Prince Edward Public Health Guidelines and The County of Prince Edward By-law 115-2020, other than those who are exempt in the by-law.
- By-law 115-2020 Section 3.e - A person engaged in a sport or other strenuous physical activity;
- By-law 115-2020 Section 3.f - Employees and agents of the person responsible for the Establishment within an area designated for them and not for public access, or within or behind a physical barrier;
and
- As permitted by Provincial Order for Phase 3, - Athletes participating in active play (on ice or walking on the track) may temporarily remove their masks.

Washrooms

- The County will be responsible for ensuring washrooms are sanitized at a minimum of twice daily. Signage will be posted in all washrooms to promote safe handwashing practices and physical distancing of at least 2 metres.

Food and Beverage

- No food or beverage, other than water, is permitted in the facility during the initial reopening phase. Participants are encouraged to bring a filled water bottle.
- Individuals are encouraged to fill and label their own water bottle before arriving, or by using the water bottle fill stations.
- Use of the drinking fountains is not permitted.

Walking Track

- Starting October 1, 2020, the walking track will be available Monday to Friday from 7 am to 9 am at the Lehigh Arena by reservation only.
- Reservations will be made in advance for two separate sessions: 7 am to 8 am and 8 am to 9 am.
- The capacity for each one-hour session is 10 persons.
- The doors will open for screening at 7 am and 8 am only and will permit only those who have made a reservation through bookings@pecounty.on.ca or by calling the Booking Representative at 613-476-2148 ext. 5003.

Ice Rental

- The ice allocation process is underway and will be completed September 28, 2020. Ice will be available for rent as of October 1, 2020 for the 2020/2021 season at the Lehigh Arena in Wellington. The ice season for the Huff Estates Arena in Picton will be determined at a later date based on demand.

Public Skating

- The public skating schedule will be available after the ice allocation process for rentals is complete. Public skating is expected to be available in early October.
- Skaters will require to pre-register, and a maximum of 10 skaters will be permitted during each scheduled timeslot.
- Dressing rooms will not be available for use.

Other Rentals

- Town halls are available to be booked with a few exceptions.
- The County has not yet established a return date for ticket and shinny programming. Upon doing so, we will provide the procedures and programming schedule.