



Tweed Hungerford Community Centre (Tweed Arena)

Facility Protocols – September 8, 2021

The continued health and well-being of residents and staff remains our priority. The following rules are implemented to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As COVID-19 measures change, guidelines will be reviewed and user groups will be updated as required.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Arena renters are required to provide a COVID-19 Safety Plan document that they themselves and all individuals attending the facility will be required to adhere to and must be in line with the procedures outlined in this document. A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required by the Province of Ontario.

Contact Tracing and Screening

All teams must implement a method of collecting names and phone numbers of all those present for the purposes of contact tracing. This includes coaches, athletes, and spectators. Forms must be kept for at least one month. Spectators will be required to fill out contact tracing forms upon entering the arena.

Arena renters are responsible to ensure that everyone entering the facility has been screened for COVID-19. Any person who identifies as having any symptoms or fails the self screening tool should not enter the facility.

Physical Distancing and Face Masks

Any individual who enters the facility **MUST** maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from any other individuals who are not in the same household except while engaged in sport.

Face Masks **MUST** be worn at all times while in the Tweed Arena unless exempt from the Province of Ontario order. Face masks can be removed while participants are engaged in physical activity on the ice and while taking a break on the bench. Any coach or team staff that is not engaged in sport on the ice surface, must wear a face mask. Spectators may temporarily remove face mask to consume food or beverages while seated.

Proof of Vaccination

Starting September 22, 2021 the Ontario Government requires that proof of vaccination be shown when entering recreation facilities. The Tweed Arena will require proof of vaccination when the arena opens on September 18, 2021.

“Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor’s note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate. Children who are 11 years of age and younger and unable to be vaccinated will also be exempted from these requirements.” – Province of Ontario

Individuals who enter arena will have to show proof of being fully vaccinated as well as a government issued photo ID.

Occupancy of Arena

The Tweed Arena will operate in accordance with O’ Reg. 364/20 regulation at 50% capacity. The total occupant load for the Tweed Arena is 1878 people. The Tweed Arena will operate at a maximum capacity of 939 people.

Spectators

Spectators may assist players 13 and under with putting on their skates. After assisting the skater, spectators must move to the designated spectator area. Spectators must vacate the arena immediately following the rental unless they are assisting a player with removing skates. No congregating is allowed in the Tweed Arena including the canteen area and lobby.

Zero-Tolerance Policy

The Municipality of Tweed has a zero-tolerance policy at all municipal facilities which states “Swearing, threats or any act of violence will not be tolerated. Anyone giving verbal abuse to members of staff will be asked to leave the premises”. Those using the arena must adhere to all federal, provincial, and municipal rules. If rules are not being followed by spectators and participants, the following will take place:

1. Spectator/Participant will be asked to leave the building.
2. If Spectator/Participant continues to refuse to leave, staff will call the Ontario Provincial Police and trespassing charges may be laid.

Those that do not follow COVID-19 guidelines may be removed for the remainder of the season. Please note that Municipal Staff are directed to ensure that all government level COVID-19 Guidelines are being followed by those entering the Arena.

Assumption of Risk

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19, like many other viruses, is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, provincial, municipal governments and health agencies continue to recommend the practice of social distancing.

While the Municipality of Tweed has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Municipality cannot guarantee that you and/or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19, or any other virus. Attending facilities in the

Municipality of Tweed could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19, or any other virus.

These procedures are in place to help protect all Municipality of Tweed facility users and staff. Procedures will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and changes will be made as needed and when possible. The Municipality of Tweed thanks everyone for their cooperation.

Working Document