



ARENA PROTOCOLS

These protocols are being put in place to maximize the health and safety of everyone at the facility and minimize the risk of the spread of COVID-19. Everyone's cooperation and compliance is appreciated.

- In accordance with provincial regulations, beginning September 22, 2021, patrons attending City of Brantford arenas will be required to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and identification before they can enter. Your proof of vaccination is your vaccine receipt or enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code. It will be accepted if the person's name and date of birth on their identification document matches the name and date of birth on the presented vaccine receipt or enhanced vaccination certificate with QR code. Examples of acceptable identification documents include an individual's birth certificate, citizenship card, driver's license, Government (Ontario or other) issued identification card, Indian Status Card /Indigenous Membership Card, Passport or Permanent Resident card.
- As of December 20, 2021, coaches, officials, volunteers and youth 12 to 17 years old are required to show proof of identification and vaccination or exemption to enter a recreational facility for purposes including organized recreational sport. Examples of proof of identification are a birth certificate, citizenship card, driver's license, Government-issued identification card such as health card, Indian Status Card/Indigenous Member Card, Passport and permanent resident card. Student cards will not be accepted. Everyone who enters will still be required to perform screening and contact tracing.
 - Note for clarification: For children born in 2010 who are participating in activities that require proof of vaccinations, they will be required to provide proof of vaccination 12 weeks after their 12th birthday.
- As of January 4, 2022, the City of Brantford will only accept the QR code issued by the Province of Ontario as proof of vaccination to enter a recreational facility. To download your QR code, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof/>.
- **Vaccine Passports and Spectators:** All spectators over the age of 12 years old are required to show proof of vaccination along with identification. Spectators will be required to sign in for screening and contact tracing purposes prior to entering past the screening table.
- **Entry Process:** We will continue to have teams and rentals meet at front INFO desk doors (Mon-Fri prior to 4:30pm) or outside the west entrance (depending day and time of your rental) to complete COVID questions screening and contact tracing. Athletes, coaching staff, volunteers, officials and spectators will be asked to have their ID and vaccine proof ready and will show the staff member or security at the door both ID and passport prior to entering. Upon completion, all athletes and coaches will come through the front/west doors and will proceed to the desk or the door staff table. INFO desk staff or West entrance door staff will collect the screening sheet for record keeping and the team can proceed into the Facility. All organized sports game officials will enter and sign the screening sheet at the table and proceed into the Facility.
- **Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre- Ice times before 4:30pm Mon-Fri, players/coaches/spectators can enter through the front INFO desk doors. After 4:30pm and all day Sat & Sun all must enter through the West End doors (near rink 2 & 3).**
- **Players/coaching staff can arrive 30 minutes prior to your ice time and need to vacate within 30 minutes following the end of your ice time.**
- **Civic Centre & Lions Park-Players/coaching staff can enter through the front doors of the Civic Centre/Lions Park, and can arrive 30 minutes prior to your rental and must exit 30 minutes following the end of your ice time.**
- Dressing rooms are available 30 minutes prior to your ice time and need to be vacated within 30 minutes following the end of your ice time. Dressing rooms are open with masks and 2m/6ft physical distancing required. Showers are available.
- Every person in the arena is required to wear a mask or face covering that covers their mouth, nose and chin, with limited exemptions. Exemptions include children under 2 and those who cannot wear a mask for a medical reason.
- Permit holders shall comply with all public health and safety guidelines, municipal, provincial and federal regulations with respect to limiting the transmission of Covid 19.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres must be maintained at all times from others not living in the same household, with the exception of those engaged in organized sports.
- Concessions at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre/Civic Centre Arena/Lions Park Arena are closed at this time.



- Lookout Lounge restaurant at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre will be limited to 50% capacity and must close by 11:00 p.m. Alcoholic beverages will not be served after 10:00 p.m.
- No external food/drink permitted in spectator and non-sport areas of any City facility. All will be asked to consume their food/drink outside the facility or dispose of it.

Ice Rental Guidelines:

- **Face masks/coverings must be worn at all times throughout the facility— the with the exception of while users are on the ice (helmet on/face mask or covering off; helmet off/face mask or covering on);**
- Organized sports leagues must provide a safety plan for review/approval by City staff to ensure it meets Provincial requirements.
- The rental permit holder will be identified as the contact for the Brant County Health Unit (e.g. for future contact tracing).
- The rental permit holder will be responsible for sharing these protocols with those who will be participating in the ice rental including members of visiting teams and game officials.
- The rental permit holder (or his/her designate) must be present before the start of the rental to screen on-ice participants and all other participants who will be present on and around the ice pad, e.g. referees, timekeepers. No one will be permitted to enter the facility until the rental permit holder (or designate) is on-site and ready to screen.
- The rental permit holder (or his/her designate) will monitor the spectator seating area to ensure that all COVID-19 protocols are followed (such as: wearing face masks/coverings; social distancing; no food/drinks).

Designated Seating (Stands) and Common Areas:

- **Face masks/coverings must be worn at all times while seated in the Stands or other designated seating areas.**
- Eating/drinking is not permitted at this time.
- Capacity limits in all City facilities will be limited to 50%.
- No dryland training will be permitted in common areas of the facility.

These protocols will be reviewed regularly and updated as needed.

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