



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.
- Acceptable vaccination receipts include those received at the time of vaccination (if readable), PDF receipt copies or the enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code that can be downloaded or printed using the Ontario COVID-19 online vaccination portal at <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/> or obtained by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.
- **Vaccine Passports and Athletes:** Children under the age of 18 years old who are actively participating in organized sports/practices/training are exempt from the vaccine passport. This means that if your athletes are under the age of 18, we will not require them to provide proof of vaccination when they come to the Facility. Anyone who is 18 years and older, will be required to show proof of their vaccine, along with ID upon entry for every practice/game. If an athlete over 12 years old is using the facility outside of their allotted time (for example, attending the weight room, track etc.) they will be required to show proof of vaccine along with ID prior to entering the facility. Everyone who enters will still be required to perform screening and contact tracing.
- **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.
- **Vaccine Passports and Coaches/Volunteers:** Proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated is not required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials.
- **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 their screening and contact tracing. Upon completion, all athletes (under 18 years) 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. Athletes and spectators who are 18 years or over 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. They will then proceed to screening and contact tracing to sign in and will be granted permission to enter the building.
- **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).**
- 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.
- Civic Centre & Lions Park-Players can enter through the front doors of the Civic Centre/Lions Park. 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.



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);

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.**
- Spectators in designated seating areas who wish to consume food or drink are permitted to do so and may remove their face mask/covering for this purpose. However, they must remain socially distanced while eating/drinking and, once finished, put on their face mask/covering.
- Spectator capacity is limited to physical distancing (6ft/2m) requirements.
- 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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