



COVID-19 Facility Procedures

W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre – Pool – Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross (Blended Learning)

Please be advised that it is the responsibility of every Client to adhere to the following procedures:

Online Sessions

Online sessions will be conducted through Zoom. Participants are required to supply all their own necessary technology in order to participate in the course.

Zoom meeting information will be sent prior to the first class. Please do not share the meeting link with others. Only registered participants are allowed to participate. Please ensure that participants are appropriately dressed and that the computer and camera being used does not show any inappropriate material. The course instructor will turn off any video that contains inappropriate material until it can be removed from the video area.

Manuals

Both Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross have required manuals that are purchased at the time of registration. Manual pick up is available from the W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre between 9am and 4pm. If you require alternative pick up arrangements, please contact the Aquatic Program Coordinator at aswitzer@loyalist.ca or 613-389-3648 x 202.

On-site Screening

Before travelling to the W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre, each person coming to the facility must review and answer the screening questions. For an up to date list of self-screening questions, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>. If you answer yes to any of the screening questions, you are asked not to enter, and are advised to contact your primary care provider or a COVID-19 Assessment Centre or KFLA Public Health.

Upon arriving at the facility, you will be asked to confirm that you have passed the screening by the course instructor.

Facility entrance and traffic flow

Only clients that have registered for the course will be permitted into the facility.

All clients will need to enter the facility using the entrance on the upper level located at the North side of the facility. Doors will be opened fifteen (15) minutes prior to the course session starting to allow the Client to enter the facility, use hand sanitizer, check-in at the front desk, remove outdoor clothing and shoes (shoes/boots and coats can be left in the changeroom), and travel through the change rooms to the pool deck. Please follow the signage on the floors, walls, and doors to ensure a safe flow of traffic through the facility. The outside doors will remain locked after the registered clients have entered the building.

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Once the session is over, please promptly dry off on deck at your assigned station. Once dried, you will transit back through the changerooms and out of the facility as promptly as possible. This is to allow staff the time to clean and disinfect the changerooms and pool area as per Public Health requirements.

Physical distancing and face coverings/masks

Any person who enters or uses the facility MUST maintain a physical distance of at least (2) two metres from any other person who is using the facility except individuals who are from the same social circle.

It is mandatory that all individuals wear a face covering/mask while in the facility. Face coverings/masks can be removed once participants are directed by Aquatic Staff to enter the water. Parents on the pool deck must remain masked at all times. When unmasked, you MUST maintain a physical distance of at least two (2) metres from any other person unless they are from the same social circle.

A Person shall be exempt from wearing a Face Covering only on the premises laid out in the KFL&A Section 22 Order.

Washrooms and changerooms

Washrooms are open for one (1) client at a time. Clients are encouraged to arrive with their swimsuit on underneath outside clothing. Showers are closed and clients are advised to shower at home prior to their arrival and after their swim/class. The changing area is available for use for anyone who needs to change after their swim. The pool changerooms are limited to no more than four (4) people per changeroom at any time. Clients are permitted to bring belongings into the facility and must take those belongings to their designated station on the pool deck. Personal items should be kept to a minimum.

Pool deck

The pool deck will have no benches along the west wall of the pool. The bleachers on the north wall of the pool have also been removed. There will be stations on the west, north, and south sides of the pool deck. Bins will be handed out by Aquatic Staff to participants as they enter the pool deck so they can leave their personal belongings while they are in the water.

All high touchpoints on the pool deck will be cleaned and sanitized between programs.

In-water and skills training

Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross participants will be in the pool at the same time on Sunday afternoons. The two courses will utilize one of the double lanes each with the centre lane of the pool being left empty to create distancing between the groups. Participants will be required to perform in-water skills without a mask. Risk mitigation techniques will be implemented such as using the same partners for rescues and first aid. Outside of the water, participants will be required to wear their masks while practicing and performing any skills.

Equipment

Only Loyalist Township equipment will be used for these courses. Any equipment used will be cleaned and sanitized before it is used by another group.

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Water fountains and food

Participants are reminded that there is no food allowed on the pool deck at any time as per Ontario Health Regulation 565. Participants are asked to bring their own PLASTIC or METAL water bottle with them to class pre-filled. Glass bottles are not permitted on the pool deck as per Ontario Health Regulation 565. You can refill your bottle from the bottle fill station on the pool deck. The water fountain spout will be closed.

Parking lot

The parking lot is considered part of the facility and all regulations regarding social distancing and gathering limits apply. All facility users must ensure that the guidelines and regulations from the Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments along with the local public health unit are practiced.

Suspected COVID-19

If anyone suspects that they have contracted COVID-19 or have come into close contact with someone that has contracted COVID-19, you shall notify the Township within 24 hours. For more information on COVID-19 and COVID-19 Assessment Centres, visit <https://www.kflaph.ca/en/healthy-living/novel-coronavirus.aspx> or contact KFL&A Public Health at 1-800-267-7875.

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, and Municipal governments and health agencies continue to recommend the practice of social distancing.

While Loyalist Township has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Township cannot guarantee that you and/or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19, or any other virus. Further, attending programs or facilities in Loyalist Township could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19, or any other virus.

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