



COVID-19 Facility Protocols

Sports fields

Please be advised that when booking or using Loyalist Township facilities, it is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure that all facility users in connection to the Agreement adhere to the following protocols:

Covid-19 safety plan

Permit Holders are required to provide a COVID-19 Return to Play document that themselves and their rental participants will be required to agree to and must be in line with the protocols outlined in this document. The safety plan shall describe the measures and procedures which have been implemented or will be implemented during the rental to reduce the transmission risk of COVID-19. The safety plan shall describe how the requirements of Provincial legislation, along with the recommendations and guidelines set out by Public Health will be implemented at the facility including screening, physical distancing, masks or face coverings, cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and objects and the wearing of personal protective equipment. Loyalist Township staff will review the document and approval will be required to proceed with the rental.

Contact tracing and screening

The Permit holder is required to maintain a record of all who attend each booking (name & phone number) for the purpose of contact tracing (this includes all participants, coaches, team staff/volunteers and spectators). The Township reserves the right to request this record at any time. This information will be shared with the Local Health Unit if deemed necessary. Records must be kept for thirty (30) days.

The Permit holder is responsible to ensure that everyone entering the facility is screened for COVID-19. Any person who identifies as having any symptoms or fails the self screening tool should not enter the facility. For an up-to-date list of self-screening questions, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.

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 immediately. 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.

Physical distancing

Sports may only be practised or played within the facility if they do not allow for prolonged physical contact between players or if they have been modified to avoid prolonged physical contact between the players.

Any person who enters or uses the facility must maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from any other person who is using the facility, unless engaged in sport or from the same household.

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Washrooms

Washrooms and portable washrooms will be open, but limited to one person at a time. All participants are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer to utilize before and after washroom use.

Capacities

The total number of individuals permitted to be at the facility at any one time is limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from other people in the facility, and in any event, cannot exceed 100 people outdoors. This capacity includes all individuals in attendance, including spectators.

Bleachers and benches are limited to the number of people who can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from each other. It is strongly encouraged that all individuals who wish to have somewhere to sit bring their own chair.

League play

Organized team sports that are practised or played by players in a league may only be practised or played within the facility if the league either, contains no more than 50 players and does not permit its teams to play against teams outside of the league, or divides its teams into groups of 50 or fewer players and does not permit teams in different groups to play against one another or against teams outside of the league.

Cleaning and sanitization

Bleachers and benches will be sanitized once a day by Township staff. Everyone attending the facility should bring their own hand sanitizer. It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure they practise good hand hygiene and use hand sanitizer before and after contact with any touchpoints.

Food and beverage

Participants are encouraged to bring a bottle of water for all outdoor activities. Water bottles must be labeled with the participants name and are not to be shared.

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.

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

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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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