

Township of Wellesley

COVID-19 Facility Guidelines

Wellesley Arena 2021/22

(Updated September 23, 2021)

The Township of Wellesley is pleased to announce the Wellesley Arena will be open for use on September 18, 2021.

This will not be the normal return to the ice season we are all used to. There will be strict guidelines that must be followed to allow our users to enjoy their activities in a safe manner.

The Township of Wellesley will use the following Return to Play procedures;

- All participants will be allowed into the arena 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time.
- The arena capacity is set at 150 patrons excluding participants and bench staff.
- 2 metres (6 feet) physical distancing must take place at all times.
- Face coverings must be in place from chin to nose at all times.
- Anyone entering the facility will be required to screen themselves before entering the facility. There are two QR codes on the front door of the arena. One is for all Twin Centre Hurricanes and Stars participants and the other for all patrons entering the facility.
- There will be a maximum of 45 participants on the ice at any given time.
- Dressing rooms will be available. Face coverings will be required in all areas of the arena including the dressing rooms up until you put your helmet on immediately before you are to enter the ice surface.

- Showers will also not be available.
- Participants are requested to arrive at arena as dressed as possible to limit the amount of time in dressing rooms.
- Participants will be required to stay in their respective dressing rooms until the ice is ready for them to use.
- Parents or Guardians will be permitted to enter the dressing rooms to tie the skates and put helmets on participants that require assistance. Face coverings must be worn.
- After your ice time dressing rooms must be vacated 15 minutes after the rental end. This will give staff adequate time to clean and disinfect dressing rooms before the next group enters. This will be strictly enforced. Groups that do not adhere to this will face the possibility of the cancellation of the remainder of their ice contracts.
- Parents and guardians will be permitted in the stands. Face coverings will be required at all times in the facility. The lobby will NOT be available to parents and guardians to observe. The lobby will remain clear to allow for staff to clean and sanitize the lobby area and the lobby washrooms. Please dress for an arena setting, not for outdoor temperatures. The heaters will not be turned on in the arena until outdoor temperatures reach 0 degrees Celsius. This is to ensure a safe ice surface for the participants on the ice, as the heaters have a direct impact on the ice quality near the boards.
- Lobby washrooms will be available. Only 1 person at time will be permitted in the washrooms, and it is up to the person entering to wait for the washroom to be vacated before entering.
- There will be adequate staff on duty during all rentals. Staff will ensure that adequate cleaning and sanitizing is done on a regular basis. All dressing rooms will be cleaned and sanitized before any group enter them.
- All participants, patrons, coaches, volunteers..etc. must enter through front door of the arena. No one is to enter from the back door. If anyone is caught propping open or allowing others to enter through any door but the front door, the Municipality will have the right to cancel all future ice times for the group.

- Effective September 22, 2021 anyone who is eligible for a vaccination in Ontario must show proof of vaccination along with identification or an approved exemption. Anyone under 18 years of age who is participating in an organized sport is exempt.

Scenario 1: A player who is 14 years old comes to the arena to play a game or practice with their team is exempt from showing proof of vaccination. The players parent or guardian who is 18 or over must show proof of vaccination and identification to enter.

Scenario 2: The same 14-year-old comes to the arena to watch a Wellesley Apple Jacks game. They are now coming as a spectator not a participant so proof of vaccination and identification is required to enter the facility.

Scenario 3: A child who is not eligible (under 12) for a vaccination is permitted to enter our facility to participate or to spectate. That child is not permitted to be in our facility unattended. Therefor they will be required to be accompanied by a parent/guardian/caretaker who is fully vaccinated.

- Starting on September 22, 2021 there will be an outside security company at the front door of the arena to verify patrons have screened in and show proof of vaccination. You will be denied entry if you do not have your documents ready.
- All provincial guidelines, OMHA, OWHA, Skate Canada, OHA, OHF, Hockey Canada, Ontario Curling guidelines must be followed at all times.

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