

RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE

RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

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The guidelines below are meant to provide a basic outline for rural subcommittees that operate outdoor assets (e.g., sports fields and diamonds) on behalf of the City of Hamilton to follow in crafting their own protocols.

1. Physical / social distancing

- a. Players, volunteers, coaches, staff, and spectators must be 2 metres apart at all times, including while performing season opening cleaning and setup, waiting for playing time, during play, and celebrations (e.g., no high fives or hand shakes);
- b. Where possible, one gate or area should be used to enter and another to exit (or wait in cars until previous group has left the field or diamond);
- c. Adhere to provincial gathering limits at all times (e.g., Phase 2 or Reopening Ontario allows for groups of 10, providing 2m physical distance is maintained);
 - i. Organizations will be allowed to have a maximum of two groups of 10 on all 11v11 regulation multi-sport fields.
 - ii. All other fields sizes (e.g., 9v9, 7v7, mini) may only have 10 people per asset at any given time.
 - iii. Diamonds will have a maximum of 10 people regardless of size.
- d. Sports fields and diamonds are only to be used for training purposes (e.g., no games, scrimmages or tournaments); and
- e. Remove all tables and chairs from common areas to discourage congregating.

2. Access

- a. Athletes, volunteers, and coaches, spectators must not visit the field, diamond or club if they are exhibiting any symptoms as indicated in the following:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/media/browser/2020-06-04/passive-screening-sign.pdf>
- b. If an individual has symptoms of COVID-19, they should be told to self-isolate at home, encouraged to complete Ontario's self-assessment tool
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> and to call their primary care provider or Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000) or Public Health Services (905-974-9848) for an assessment; and
- c. Public Health will provide advice regarding any other measures that the club or setting may need to take to reduce the risk of transmission.

3. Cleanliness and Hygiene

- a. Have a plan for sanitizing all high touch surface areas at the start and end of each day, as well as between bookings;
- b. Make readily available hand sanitizer to encourage hand hygiene;
- c. Forbid sharing of personal items (e.g., chairs, towels, etc.), except amongst household members; and
- d. Clubhouse washrooms may be opened if the organization:
 - i. Can ensure sufficient physical distancing (e.g., one person at a time, space to pass when entering and exiting, etc.); and
 - ii. Has a plan in place for ongoing enhanced cleaning after each use.

4. Communication

- a. All members must be contacted before re-opening re: guidelines and if any new guidelines are introduced.

5. Record Keeping

- a. A record of ALL visitors (including players, staff, volunteers, coaches, and spectators) must be kept (preferably using an online tool) to assist Public Health in the investigation of a positive case of COVID-19.

Additional resources:

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-guide-physical-distancing.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-hand-hygiene.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-how-to-wear-mask.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/2020/05/factsheet-covid-19-non-medical-masks.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/risk-informed-decision-making-workplaces-businesses-covid-19-pandemic.html>

<https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus/workplace-and-public-places-settings>