



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

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Ongoing Pandemic Protocols for HWCDSB facility rentals for Community Use of Schools – revised Mar 2022

The HWCDSB is fully committed to the health and safety of its students, staff, partners, and Community users and visitors to our schools. Municipal, Provincial or Federal Health regulations should always be adhered to when using any of the Board's facilities. Please also keep in mind that guidelines are fluid and changing due to the dynamic nature of the pandemic, and that you should make every effort to stay apprised of those guidelines for your own, as well as your participant's safety. We also encourage you to work closely with Hamilton's Public Health officials for the most recent safety protocols.

1. Participants/ Coaches/Site Supervisors/ Volunteers/ Visitors to HWCDSB schools showing any symptoms of COVID-19 should not participate in any practice sessions/ training or event bookings, nor be allowed entry to HWCDSB facilities.
2. Please refer to the attached memo regarding changes to the CoVid-19 school screening tool [COVID-19 school screening \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-19-school-screening), as well as the newly updated CoVid-19 interim guidance for schools. [COVID-19 Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-19-integrated-testing)
3. Proof of Vaccination and verification is no longer required
4. If you have an approved permit, daily self-screening of each person entering the facility is still required PRIOR to entering the facility for EVERY booking; however, verification will no longer be required. Please use Ontario's self assessment tool to complete the daily screening for each entry to a school: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>
5. Use only the entry point and exit door outlined on the permit or indicated by the custodian or principal.
6. Masking is no longer mandatory, however, we respect each individual's comfort levels and our buildings are mask – friendly.
7. Upon entry and exit, it is recommended that each person use the hand sanitizer provided by the school or supply their own

8. All physical distancing requirements are lifted.
9. Users should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to their permitted time and leave immediately upon the conclusion of their permitted time so that custodial staff may commence cleaning. Please avoid loitering in the school as well as the parking lot.
10. Parents and spectators are now permitted to 2 per player / family so that smaller capacities are maintained.
11. Contact tracing is no longer a requirement, but it is advisable to have a general idea of whom attends your bookings in case that information is required by public health.
12. Maximum capacities for indoor gatherings and activities change with every change in the provincial step system. Public Health guidelines must be maintained at all times. Please inquire of current maximums set by the Board and stay apprised of those maximums.
13. Encourage your participants to bring and use ONLY their own equipment
 - a. Appropriate shoes, towels, water bottles, and sanitizer
 - b. Sharing any equipment, snacks or drinks with fellow athletes should be avoided
 - c. Clean any equipment after your training session. School Equipment other than volleyball standards, chairs, tables, score clocks, basketball nets will not be allowed.
14. If we are to offer continued use of our spaces to the community, the relationship you maintain with the school's representatives (principals, vice-principals, custodial staff), as well as compliance with these protocols is of utmost importance. We trust that you will act accordingly and respect their directives when on site.
15. If you suspect or need to report a positive case, please contact public health.

Failure to comply with the above protocols will result in immediate cancellation of permits and could impact future rentals with the Board. Permitted activities will continue to be monitored and there will *be zero tolerance due to the domino effect that non-compliance can have on the public safety* of our students, staff as well as other members of the community. Community Use of the Board's facilities is a shared responsibility that should not be taken lightly. Your understanding is appreciated while we navigate this ever-evolving pandemic environment together.

Other links as reference:

TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/system/services/phu/locations.aspx>