

Field/Diamond Protocols:

Sept 21, 2020 to Oct 31, 2020

The purpose of this document is to outline safety protocols for users and user groups in Town owned recreation facilities to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. In this document, users include permit holders, spectators, visitors, participants, and patrons using the facilities. Please follow the protocols listed below and communicate them with your participants. We look forward to your visit.

Health & Safety Expectations:

All users are to follow all current and future COVID-19 Public Health and Provincial regulations and public health measures including but not limited to proper sanitation, safe physical distancing, personal protective equipment, including face coverings, and gathering of people.

The Permit Holder and/or their Designate is responsible for screening and contact tracing for all individuals associated with their rental including all attendees, spectators, guardians etc. Contact information must be dated and securely retained for reference, for 30 days from each facility booking permit date. A copy of this information is to be submitted to recreation@newtecumseth.ca immediately following the permitted time where it will also be retained by the Town for 30 days from the date of the permitted rental.

We strongly encourage all participants to use the Ontario Self-Assessment online screening tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.

COVID - 19 Screening Questions:

If participants answer “Yes”, to any of these questions entrance to the facility is prohibited.

Are you currently experiencing any of the below symptoms?

- *Fever, chills, cough, making a whistling noise when breathing, shortness of breath, sore throat, difficulties swallowing, runny stuffy or congested nose, loss sense of taste or smell, pink eye, headache, digestive issues, muscle aches, fatigue, falling down often, or for young children and infants, sluggishness or lack of appetite*

In the last 14 days have you been in close physical contact with someone who either:

- *Is currently sick with a new cough, fever, or difficulty breathing?*
Or
- *Returned from outside of Canada in the last 2 weeks and has symptoms of COVID -19?*

Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?

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Attending your permit:

- Masks are mandatory and may only be removed while on the field or diamond. Coaches/instructors who are not on the field or diamond, **MUST** wear a mask.
- Participants are recommended to arrive fully dressed with equipment on.
- Permit holders or their designate are required to meet permitted attendees (participants, spectators & coaches) at a designated area within the field or diamond space. This allows the permit holder or designate time to complete tracing information and COVID-19 screening with all attendees prior to permit start time.
- **Permit holders/or their designate will escort their attendees onto the facility 15 minutes prior to the permitted start time.** To ensure facility capacities are adhered to entry must be no earlier than 15 minutes prior to permitted start time.
- The Permit holder and/or designate is responsible to ensure the indoor/outdoor gathering limits within their permitted booking space is adhered to as per Provincial health regulations and guidelines. **When determining your gathering numbers please include all involved participants, spectators, guardians, coaches, trainers etc. who are in attendance during your permitted time.**
- Spectators will be directed to designated viewing areas within each facility.
- Facility signage and physical distancing protocols must be adhered to as per the Provincial Order.

Field and Diamond Etiquette:

While on the Field or Diamond:

- It is recommended that participants and organizers have a **15 minute buffer** between scheduled bookings to allow social distancing between scheduled games and practices can be adhered to.
- All persons must try to remain two metres apart at all times when on the field or diamond.
- It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure they provide hand sanitizer to participants.
- It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure mandatory cleaning and sanitization of the bench area following each scheduled game and or practice. The bench area is to be clear of any debris, bottles, and garbage. Garbage from the bench areas is to be disposed of safely and in garbage cans provided by the Town of New Tecumseth.
- It is the responsibility of the permit holder to adhere to legislated numbers indicated by the province for outside events and ensure that participant and spectator numbers are adhered to.
- It is highly recommended that participants arrive to play their sport and leave the facility immediately following so that organizers can maintain legislated numbers accordingly.
- Absolutely no spitting or horseplay at any time. These actions will not be tolerated and could risk the facility permit being terminated.

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- Sunflower seeds, chewing tobacco and spitting are not to be engaged at any Town of New Tecumseth field or diamond. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to monitor and supervise this activity during their permitted time. If upon arrival, seeds or chewing tobacco is witnessed, please record, and inform the facility scheduler via email so that they may follow up with Parks staff.

Exiting the Field or Diamond:

- Players must vacate the premises immediately following their game play.
- Players and spectators must not congregate in parking lot to ensure capacities do not exceed the legislated number.
- Please ensure the following groups within your booking are met by the permit holder/or designate outside the facility 15 minutes prior to the next booking start time and that contact tracing has occurred and COVID -19 assessment questions are asked to the new groups arriving.

Exiting the Facility:

Users must vacate the premises upon completion of the permitted time. Permit holder/or designate must encourage participants to leave the premises and to not linger in parking space or parking lots. This allows space and time for the next permit holder.

Permit holders not adhering to facility protocols may be denied future facility rentals.