

MEDIA RELEASE

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TOWN OF HANOVER TO RE-OPEN P & H CENTRE ON JULY 19, 2021

HANOVER, ON – The P & H Centre is an important aspect of the health and mental well-being of our residents and visitors. In accordance with the third Provincial shutdown directive due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre has been closed since April 1st. On July 19, the Centre will re-open its doors for pool and walking track use.

Patrons can continue to expect a different experience as staff ensure that Public Health directives, including, but not limited to, physical distancing, self screening for symptoms and facility capacities will be maintained. As per Provincial re-opening legislation, face coverings/masks must be worn when at the P & H Centre, unless exempt under the legislation. Patrons should delay their visit to the P & H Centre if they are experiencing symptoms such as fever, new cough, shortness of breath or sore throat, have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days or have been in close contact with a person with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.

Individuals entering the facility will need to sign in upon arrival. Walking track patrons will need to self monitor for physical distancing and be mindful of Public Health directives such as hand hygiene and avoiding touching common surfaces. Patrons should limit the items they bring with them and leave the facility promptly after their use of the track.

The Aquatic Centre will provide opportunities for aquafit, public swims, lane swims, adult and tot family swims and adult and senior swims with the following expectations:

- All swimmers must pre-register online for swims. Registration can be completed over the phone or in person if online is not possible.
- Maximum capacities apply for all programs to ensure physical distancing.
- Swim spectators will be limited at this time.
- Face coverings will be required and can be removed just before entering the pool.
- Aquatic program participants are encouraged to arrive no more than 5 minutes prior to your program start and check in at the customer service desk.
- Changerooms or locker facilities will not be available at this time. Swimmers will be required to enter the facility with their bathing suit on. Designated changerrooms will be available for prompt towel off and changing after participation in a program. Showers are not available in the changerrooms.
- Access to the pool deck will be through the family changerroom for all swimmers.
- Staff will be reminding and enforcing physical distancing on deck and in the pool.
- The sauna, rope and mushroom water feature will not be available. The slide may be available at designated swims.
- The wading pool and swirlpool will only be available at designated times during lane swims and will not be available during aquafit programs.

Pre-registration continues and is required for all swim programs for all patrons including those who have a membership or swim pass. Participants can register 7 days in advance of the program, online on the Town's website www.hanover.ca/e-services .

Summer swim lessons are planned with registration open now at www.hanover.ca/e-services . Parents / guardians are required to go in the water with their child in any swim lesson, Swimmer 3 and below. Instructors will teach from the deck providing safety supervision and instruction both verbally and visually. Instructors are only to enter the water (if required) to provide physical demonstrations distanced a minimum of 2m from participants and parents or for emergency response

Vaccination clinics are being held at the P & H Centre and our walking track and pool patrons will need to pay attention to the directional arrows and instructions at the entrances. Detailed information and instructions about the P & H Centre's processes as well as walking track hours, pool schedule, how to register online, swim lessons and more can be found online at www.hanover.ca. If you have questions, contact us at 519.364.2310 x 0.

The Town of Hanover would like to remind residents of the potential for the circulation of COVID-19 in our community. Individuals using our facilities are required to follow the 3 W's – wash hands frequently, watch distance (ideally 2m), and wear face coverings correctly. Users of Hanover's facilities, including the P & H Centre, are also reminded that when you attend these facilities as a participant, spectator or patron you assume risk when in our facility. An inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases including COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. By visiting any publicly accessible facility, including the P & H Centre, you are voluntarily assuming all risks including any risk of injury, loss, damage and possible exposure to a communicable disease, including COVID-19.

More information can be found at ontario.ca/coronavirus or publichealthgreybruce.on.ca for information from the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

Updates on Town of Hanover operations can be found at hanover.ca or by following **#InThisTogetherHanover**

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