

MEDIA RELEASE

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TOWN OF HANOVER TO RE-OPEN P & H CENTRE ON JANUARY 31, 2022

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 fourth Provincial shutdown directive due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre has been closed since January 5. On January 31, the Centre will re-open its doors for pool, arena and walking track use.

Patrons can continue to expect the requirement to follow Public Health directives, including, but not limited to, physical distancing when possible, self screening for symptoms and properly wearing a face covering/mask 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 and been advised to quarantine or have been in close contact with a person with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.

The enhanced Ontario vaccine certificate with QR code is required for everyone who is 12 years and older to enter the facility. Patrons are to be prepared to show their QR code certificate in either the paper or electronic format to Town or security staff. If vaccine documentation does not have the QR code, patrons will not be allowed into the P & H Centre.

Pre-registration continues and is required for all skate and swim programs for all patrons including those who have a membership or swim pass. Every Monday, participants can register for the next 2 weeks of programs on the Town's website www.hanover.ca/e-services

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 resume aquafit, public swims, lane swims, adult and tot family swims and adult and senior swims with the following expectations:

- All swimmers must pre-register on-line for swims. Registration can be completed over the phone or in person if on-line is not possible. Drop-in registrations will be allowed provided there is space available in the program.
- Maximum capacities apply for the programs so pre-registration is recommended.
- 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 and showers are available. Swimmers are encouraged to minimize their time in the changerooms.

- The sauna will not be available. The slide may be available at designated swims.
- The wading pool and whirlpool will only be available at designated times during lane swims and will not be available during aquafit programs.

Winter swim lessons will commence the week of January 31st with an adjusted start and end date. Available programs and registration are available at www.hanover.ca/e-services. Parents / guardians are required to go in the water with their child for Parent and Tot 1 up to Swimmer 3 swim lessons. 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.

The arena will re-open to our user groups, public skating, adult and tot, huff 'n puff shinny and adult and senior skates. Pre-registration is required for the ice programs. We look forward to seeing our hockey and ringette players and fans back at the P & H Centre as they complete their season. There is available ice time for rent for birthday celebrations, shinny, family or business skating. Contact 519-364-2310 x2135 for available ice times and rental rates.

The walking track is open and provides a climate controlled and safe walking location during the winter months. 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.

Town staff sincerely appreciate the co-operation of our patrons as they are reminded of the many aspects of the Provincial legislation that our facility must follow. Our objective is to keep our staff, patrons and visitors safe while visiting Town facilities.

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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