



Port Colborne ready for residents to re-connect with recreation

Vale Health & Wellness Centre re-opens Monday, Jan. 31, 2022

Port Colborne, ON (Jan. 31, 2022) – Effective today, Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street, will re-open as the [province cautiously and gradually eases public health measures](#).

What does this mean?

- The [Vale Health & Wellness Centre](#), including the [Port Colborne YMCA](#), will re-open with capacity limits set at 50%.
- Proof of full vaccination status (two doses) is required for anyone 12 years and older through the [enhanced COVID-19 vaccine certificate](#) (QR code), either downloaded onto a smart phone or printed on a piece of paper. Enhanced vaccine certificates will be scanned through the Verify Ontario App, along with photo ID, to gain access to the facility. A laptop and printer are available for patrons that require assistance in printing their enhanced vaccine certificate.
- Active screening/contact tracing remains in effect for participants/spectators.
- Participants and/or user groups are permitted to access dressing rooms 15 minutes before and after rental.
- Face covering requirements remain in effect.
- Social distancing for spectators remains in effect.
- Public skating programs will resume. [Visit our website for schedule](#).
- The walking track is also open daily from 6:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

The city's recreation department encourages residents to re-connect with recreation outdoors, too! The City of Port Colborne is home to 21 parks, comprising approximately 88 hectares of parks, open spaces, and natural areas to play, toboggan, walk, cross country ski, bike, and so much more!

What else does this mean?

In addition to easing restrictions on recreational facilities, on Jan. 31 the province has increased social gathering limits to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors and in-person dining can resume with a 50 per cent capacity. Every subsequent 21 days it is planned that more restrictions will be lifted, and capacities increased. For more information, visit www.ontario.ca.

To support local businesses, the city has re-instated several of the 15-minute limit parking signs to ensure residents have easy access to businesses offering takeout and curbside pickups. For a complete list of Port Colborne businesses to support, visit our [business directory](#).

City Hall and municipal offices will remain operating by appointment only, but our customer service representatives are available Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by phone at 905-835-2900 or by emailing customerservice@portcolborne.ca. For Public Works emergencies after-hours, please call 905-835-2900 and press '9' for dispatch. For non-emergencies, you can also report an issue or request a service through our [online form](#).

Virtual City Hall is also available for Port Colborne residents to manage property taxes, water, and wastewater bills online. For more information, including activating an account and 'how to' videos, visit our [webpage](#).

The [Port Colborne Public Library](#) remains curbside pickup only for the pickup of books and other materials, take-and-make crafts, free print services and e-resources, Monday to Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call 905-834-6512 or email library@portcolborne.ca.

For more COVID-19 updates from the city, visit our [webpage](#). To stay-up-to-date on all city information, [subscribe](#) to our news channel.

About the City of Port Colborne

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, with a mission to provide an exceptional small town experience in a big way, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara experience. To learn how you can PORTicipate with us, visit our [website](#).

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