



COVID-19 Safety Plan Fall 2021

**Guidelines, Policies
and Procedures for
Return to Play at
Glendon
Gymnastics**



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In Compliance with Gymnastics Ontario, the Government of Ontario and Regional Public Health Protocols

Glendon Gymnastics is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our participants, families, and staff.

As we return to the gym after the disruption of the COVID-19 outbreak, every decision, policy, and procedure is made in the interest of all participant's safety and health, both physical and mental. Everything about this virus, its spread, government guidelines, social responses, the needs of our families, and the economic impact have been in constant change and thus, our plans and procedures will be fluid and adaptable. We will continue to monitor and adjust our plans and responses as the situation evolves. We will do everything we can to meet and exceed, provincial, federal and our sport's governing bodies guidelines, while also minimizing interruption of 'normal life' as much as possible.

Our health and safety protocols, procedures and policies have been developed following the guidance of Gymnastics Ontario, our provincial governing body, the Province of Ontario and Regional Public Health. We have carefully reviewed Ontario's 2021 Day Camp Guidelines and Protocols to ensure we are able to provide a safe environment for our coaches and participants.

We understand that certain solutions may not be the most appropriate for each family. While we try our best to create the optimum environment for everyone to safely participate, we of course will respect those families who have had to make the difficult decision to delay their return.

In the interest of protecting the health and safety of our students entrusted to our care, their families, and our staff, **we will be enforcing all protocols and procedures listed within this plan.** If a student, their family, or a staff member is unwilling to abide by these protocols and procedures they will not be allowed to participate until their willingness to do so has changed.



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Re-opening Schedule:

(as directed by the Province of Ontario, Gymnastics Ontario and Regional Public Health)

Stage One - Competitive Gymnastics Training: May 29, 2020

The Province of Ontario announced Competitive Gymnastics training could commence with strict safety protocols in place. Gymnastics Ontario provided member clubs with guidance on re-opening on May 29 at the earliest. Implementing strict protocols to help ensure the health and safety of our team and coaches, our competitive athletes returned to in-gym training on June 12.

Stage Two - Summer Camps: July 6, 2020

The Province of Ontario and Gymnastics Ontario announced Ontario Summer Camps could begin as of July 6 following Ontario Public Health COVID-19 Guidance for Summer Day Camps.

Stage Three – Recreational Programs: Fall 2020

The Province of Ontario and Gymnastics Ontario approved a return to all recreational programming and, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health announced amendments to Stage 3 re-opening. Beginning August 15, sport, fitness, and recreation facilities can have up to 50 patrons for each indoor sport or fitness room, while ensuring physical distancing of at least two metres.

Red Control Zone – Effective November 23, 2020

The Province of Ontario moved Region of Waterloo into Red Zone (see Ontario Covid-19 response framework: keeping Ontario Safe and Open document for restrictions)

Re-opening Ontario Step One – Effective June 2021

The Province of Ontario moved into Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen allowing Day Camps with strict Safety Guidelines from the Chief Medical Officer of Health. [Click here for link to these guidelines.](#)

Re-opening Ontario Step Three – Effective July 2021

The Province of Ontario and Gymnastics Ontario approve a return to recreational programming with restrictions.

Safety Rules

Member Awareness

- Participants, families, and staff will be notified of protocols by email and signage
- Participants and staff are required to complete a self-assessment **each day** before entering the facility. See Appendix A or [Here is the link to the Government online student self-assessment to check for symptoms compatible with COVID-19.](#)
- An **Assumption of Risk agreement** relating to COVID-19 must be completed by each family prior to commencing training/classes (See Appendix B).
- A **Declaration of Compliance form** stating your understanding of COVID as well as your responsibilities to self-regulate must be completed by everyone attending our facility (See Appendix C).
- Participants and their families may not enter the facility if either they or a household member has had onset of illness with symptoms compatible with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 in the prior 14 days.
- If anyone in a student's or staff's household has travelled out of province, student/staff member cannot attend for 14 days after their return.
- Confidentiality of any person confirmed to have been infected with COVID-19 will be maintained, and we will co-operate with Public Health to assist with contact tracing.
- Handwashing and physical distancing rules set out by the Government of Ontario will be posted at the main entrance and bathrooms.
- **Anyone feeling unwell MUST STAY HOME.**

Physical Distancing

- All staff, participants, and visitors must always remain two metres apart upon entering and within our facility.
- Markers have been placed outside our entrance and in common areas within the building to help ensure physical distancing
- The gym has been divided into distinctly identified zones to promote physical distancing.
- At this time, coaches are not permitted to spot or physically assist gymnasts due to physical distancing rules, and all activities and programming has been developed to reflect these safety measures.

Face Masks

- All participants must wear a well-fitting mask. This mask must be worn at all times while indoors except when eating/drinking or performing a difficult skill where the mask may limit line of sight or compromise safety. A supply of masks will be available for those who may have forgotten, damaged or soiled their mask.



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Mandatory Handwashing/Sanitizing

- Everyone entering the facility must sanitize their hands upon arrival.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be set-up throughout the gym. Participants and coaches must wash or sanitize hands before participation, directly after participation and frequently during classes, including after touching shared surfaces or items.

Hygiene

- All participants and staff are encouraged to practice proper hygiene etiquette – which means sneezing and coughing into their elbows or tissue and discarding tissues in the garbage followed by washing hands with soap and water.

Programs and Activities

- Participants are divided into smaller groups to ensure physical distancing while using equipment and engaging in activities. Staff will monitor groups to ensure physical distancing is maintained.
- Classes have been planned to ensure participants are able to participate and engage independently.
- All equipment, material and supplies will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day.
- Participants will hand wash/sanitize after using equipment, in between rotations and activities, before and after eating and washroom use.

Facility Safeguarding

- Foam pits will be covered with landing mats.
- Washrooms and equipment will be cleaned/sanitized throughout the day and a deeper cleaning/sanitizing of surfaces throughout the facility will be completed at the end of the day.

Hydration Breaks

- The water fountain will only be used as a water filling station to refill individual drink bottles.
- Any child with an allergy that requires an EpiPen, must pack an auto-injector in a zip lock bag with the child's name on it. The pen will be left in the child's bag. Please notify the staff member/coach upon arrival of any allergies.

Staff Work Standards

- Prior to coming to work (daily), staff are required to self screen and report to management if either they or a household member had had onset of illness with symptoms compatible with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 in the prior 14 days.
- Staff will follow guidelines for wearing a surgical face mask and safety glasses while in the facility.
- Staff are required to sanitize/wash hands upon entering the facility and between rotations.
- Staff will monitor physical distancing guidelines to ensure they are followed by all participants.
- Staff will monitor participants to ensure hands are being washed/sanitized and proper respiratory etiquette is being followed (cough, sneeze or yawn into one's arm or a tissue).
- Staff will avoid physical contact with one another and participants (e.g. no hugs, high fives...).
- Staff will avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth, especially with unwashed hands, and will monitor participants to ensure they follow the same protocol.
- Staff will wear PPE for cleaning equipment, and hands are to be washed with soap and water/sanitizer after gloves have been removed.
- Confidentiality of any person confirmed to have been infected with COVID-19 must be maintained by all staff and they will cooperate with Public Health to assist with contact tracing.
- In case of accident or injury, staff and when possible, the gymnast will use personal protective equipment to administer first aid.

In the Event a Child Becomes Sick at the Gym

- If a child becomes ill at the facility the following actions will be taken:
 - The child will be isolated in a separate area with supervision (e.g. main office) and provided with a mask.
 - Physical distancing from other participants will be ensured.
 - Staff will be mindful of handwashing and avoiding contact with the child's respiratory secretions.
 - Staff must wear PPE (gloves, masks, and face shields to attend to sick child).
 - Parents will be notified to come pick up their child immediately.
 - All equipment used by the child should be immediately removed from use by any other gymnasts until properly cleaned and disinfected.
 - If a participant or staff member becomes symptomatic, Waterloo Public Health will be notified for further direction.

Entering and Exiting the Facility

- We have implemented controlled entrance protocols to ensure the health and safety of members. All doors will remain locked during programming after entrance procedures have been completed. Please ring the doorbell if entrance is required.
- Signage is posted at the front doors advising of required public health measures (screening, hand hygiene, mask use, physical distancing) while in the facility.
- A staff member will assist students with entering and exiting the facility. Only participants and staff members are permitted to enter the facility the ensure capacity restrictions are met.
- Markers have been placed to help with physical distancing in all common walkways.
- Change areas are closed so all participants must come to class already dressed.
- All individuals (participants, parents/guardians, visitors and staff) must properly sanitize hands upon entering and exiting the facility.
- A staff member will escort the participants outside the facility at the end of the class. Only one (or two) participants at a time will be exited from the facility to ensure physical distancing. Parents waiting outside should also be physically distancing.
- All participants must wear a well-fitting mask. This mask must be worn at all times while indoors except when eating/drinking or performing a difficult skill where the mask may limit line of sight or compromise safety. A supply of masks will be available for those who may have forgotten, damaged or soiled their mask.
- Attendance will be recorded daily and will be made available to public health if required for contact tracing purposes.

Appendix A – COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool



Do you have any of the following:



Fever



Cough



Shortness of breath



Sore throat



Runny nose



Feeling unwell

Yes Have you been in close contact with someone who is
No sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the
No past 14 days?



If you answered YES to any of these questions, stay home, go home and self-isolate. Call Telehealth or your health care provider to find out if you need a test.



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Appendix B – Assumption of Risk Agreement

GYMNASTICS ONTARIO and GLENDON GYMNASTICS INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

WARNING! Please read carefully

By signing this document, you will assume certain risks and responsibilities

Participant's Name: _____

1. This is a binding legal agreement. Clarify any questions or concerns before signing. As a participant in the sport of gymnastics and the spectating, orientation, instruction, activities, competitions, programs, and services of Gymnastics Ontario and Glendon Gymnastics (collectively the "Activities"), the undersigned, being the Participant and the Participant's Parent/Guardian (if Participant is under 18 years old), (collectively the "Parties"), acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this document.
2. Gymnastics Ontario, Glendon Gymnastics, and their respective Directors, Officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, sponsors, owners/operators of the facilities in which the Activities take place, and representatives (collectively the "Organization").

We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2

Description and Acknowledgement of Risks

3. The Parties understand and acknowledge that:
 - a) The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards, and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury.
 - b) The Organization may offer or promote online programming (such as webinars, remote conferences, workshops, and online training) which have different foreseeable and unforeseeable risks than in-person programming.
 - c) The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of the Participant's fitness or abilities, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.
 - d) The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and COVID-19 is contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Organization cannot guarantee that the Participant will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in the Activities could increase the Participant's risk of contracting COVID-19.
4. The Participant is participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of that participation, the Parties hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers and hazards and may be exposed to such risks, dangers, and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:

- a) Privacy breaches, hacking, technology malfunction or damage.
- b) Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques and exerting and stretching various muscle groups.
- c) Vigorous physical exertion, strenuous cardiovascular workouts, and rapid movements.
- d) The failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment or apparatus.
- e) Failure to follow instructions or rules.
- f) Serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the Participant's body or to the Participant's general health and well-being.
- g) Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations.
- h) Concussion or other head injuries, including but not limited to, closed head injury or blunt head trauma.
- i) Physical contact with other participants, spotters, spectators, equipment, and hazards.
- j) Collisions with walls, any gymnastics apparatus, floors, or mats.
- k) Falling, tumbling, or hitting any gymnastics apparatus, the floor, mats, or other surfaces.
- l) Failure to act safely or within the Participant's ability or designated areas.
- m) Negligence of other persons, including other spectators, participants, or employees.
- n) Travel to and from competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of the Activities.
- o) Contracting COVID-19 or any other contagious disease.

We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3 and 4

Terms

5. In consideration of the Organization allowing the Participant to participate in the Activities, the Parties agree:
 - a) That when the Participant practices or trains in their own space, the Parties are responsible for the Participant's surroundings and the location and equipment that is selected for the Participant.
 - b) That the Participant's mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities and the Parties assume all risks related to the Participant's mental and physical condition.
 - c) That the Participant may experience anxiety while challenging themselves during the Activities.
 - d) To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities.
 - e) To comply with the rules of the facility or equipment.
 - f) The risks associated with the Activities are increased when the Participant is impaired, and the Participant will not participate if impaired in any way.
 - g) That COVID-19 is contagious in nature and the Participant may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19.

6. In consideration of the Organization allowing the Participant to participate, the Parties agree:
 - a) That the Parties are not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or their agents, whether in brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to participate in the Activities.
 - b) That the Organization is not responsible or liable for any damage to the Participant's vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of the Activities; and
 - c) That this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the Province of Ontario and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Jurisdiction

7. The Parties agree that in the event that they file a lawsuit against the Organization, they agree to do so solely in the Province of Ontario.

We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 5 to 7

Acknowledgement

8. The Parties acknowledge that they have read this Agreement and understand it, that they have executed this Agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon themselves, their heirs, their spouses, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives.

Name of Participant (print) Signature of Participant Date of Birth

Name of Parent or Guardian (print) Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Appendix C – Declaration of Compliance

GYMNASTICS ONTARIO DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE – COVID-19

Participant Name (print): _____

Participant's Parent/Guardian _____
(if the participant is younger than the age of majority)

Email: _____

Phone: _____

WARNING!

ALL PARTICIPANTS ENTERING THE FACILITY AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES MUST
COMPLY WITH THIS DECLARATION

Gymnastics Ontario and its affiliated clubs (collectively the "Organization") require the disclosure of exposure or illness in order to safeguard the health and safety of all participants and limit the further spread of COVID-19. This Declaration of Compliance will be kept safely, and personal information will not be disclosed unless as required by law or with your consent.

A participant (or the participant's parent/guardian, if the participant is younger than the age of majority) who is unable to agree to the terms outlined in this document is not permitted to enter the Organization's facilities or participate in the Organization's activities, programs, or services.

I, the undersigned being the participant named above and the participant's parent/guardian (if the participant is younger than the age of majority), hereby acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this document:

- 1) The coronavirus disease COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and requires all participants (or their parent/guardian, when applicable) to adhere to the compliance standards described in this document.
- 2) The participant has not been diagnosed with COVID-19. **OR** If the participant was diagnosed with COVID-19, the participant was cleared as noncontagious by provincial or local public health authorities.
- 3) If the participant is a front-line worker (such as hospital staff, long term care staff, or other individual who interacts with individuals who have confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19) or required to travel outside of Canada, the participant has worn proper and approved Personal Protective Equipment at all times whenever they interacted with an individual who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

- 4) If the participant is not a front-line worker or travelled outside of Canada, they have not been exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- 5) The participant is attending or participating voluntarily and understands the risks associated with COVID-19. The participant (or the participant's parent/guardian, on behalf of the participant (when applicable) agrees to assume those risks, including but not limited to exposure and being infected.
- 6) The participant has not, nor has anyone in the participant's household, experienced any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days (including fever, new or worsening cough, fatigue, chills and body aches, respiratory illness, difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, pink eye, or loss of taste or smell).
- 7) If the participant experiences, or if anyone in the participant's household experiences, any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 after submitting this Declaration of Compliance, the participant will immediately isolate, notify the Organization, and not attend any of the Organization's facilities, activities, programs or services until at least 14 days have passed since those symptoms were last experienced.
- 8) The participant is following recommended guidelines, including but not limited to, practicing physical distancing, trying to maintain separation of six feet from others, adhering to recognized hygiene best practices, and otherwise limiting exposure to COVID-19.
- 9) The participant will follow the safety, physical distancing, and hygiene protocols of the Organization.
- 10) This document will remain in effect until the Organization, per the direction of the provincial government and provincial health officials, determines that the acknowledgements in this Declaration of Compliance are no longer required.
- 11) The Organization may remove the participant from the facility or from participation in the activities, programs or services of the Organization at any time and for any reason if the Organization believes, in its sole discretion, that the participant is no longer in compliance with any of the standards described in this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Participant (If the age of majority)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian (if the participant is younger than the age of majority)