



**SAINT MARY'S**  
UNIVERSITY SINCE 1802

**ATHLETICS &  
RECREATION**

**Date: February 23, 2021**

To Our Valued Members:

As we approach the Spring, we wanted to share our plans for the next phase of reopening the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness.

**Effective Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** SMUfit operations will resume activity with the following measures in place;

### **Showers**

Showers in both our changing rooms in the Homburg Centre will be coming back 'online'.

**Showers will be opening again on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

***It is also important to recognize that if you wish to take a shower, your 90-minute exercise time is incorporated into this time. I.e. You CAN NOT workout for 90 minutes, and then take a shower. You must exit the building at the end of your 90-minute exercise period. Failure to observe these rules will be considered a breach of the member code of conduct.***

In keeping with our commitment towards cleaning and sanitizing our facilities, we will be increasing the frequency of cleaning of these spaces. *On top of our cleaning throughout the day, we will be shutting the showers down at 8:00pm nightly for a deep clean to take place.*

### **Towels**

Towel service will not be a part of our showers coming back online, so please be sure to bring your own towels with you if you wish to take a shower.

### **Dressing Rooms**

Dressing rooms remain open for use.

A reminder that our lockers are available for use, **but are day use only**. Any locks remaining on lockers overnight will be cut.

While showers are coming back 'online' (see note above), steam rooms, and sauna rooms will remain offline/restricted.

## Holiday Hours

We have updated our Holiday Hours ahead of the Spring/Summer months. They can be found below;

| <b>2021 HOMBURG CENTRE HOLIDAY HOURS</b> |                         |                  |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>HOLIDAY</b>                           | <b>DATE</b>             | <b>HOURS</b>     |
| Easter Holidays                          | Friday, April 2, 2021   | CLOSED           |
|  | Saturday, April 3, 2021 | CLOSED           |
|  | Sunday, April 4, 2021   | CLOSED           |
|  | Monday, April 5, 2021   | 10:00am - 6:00pm |
| Victoria Day                             | Monday, May 24, 2021    | CLOSED           |
| Canada Day                               | Thursday July 1, 2021   | CLOSED           |
| Natal Day                                | Monday, August 2, 2021  | CLOSED           |

## Squash Courts

On Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Homburg Centre suffered some electrical issues which have caused the lights in Courts #3 and #4 to malfunction. We have brought in an electrician to work on this item, and order any necessary parts. It is unclear the timeline for repair at this time, but we do hope to have these courts back open and operational for booking by late this week.

Our staff have reached out to all those affected to make them aware, and have voided the bookings in these two courts until Friday, as a precautionary measure. We will be in touch with more info, as it becomes available.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## Facility Safety Measures

Please remember the following when working out in our facility;

- Masks must be worn, except while in the act of exercising.
  - If you're moving between pieces of equipment, or locations in the gym, we ask that you please 'mask up' while moving around the facility.

- Maintain 6 feet of separation at all times. Remember, if you're not exercising, you must 'mask up'.
- Practice proper respiratory hygiene – Cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.
- If you have to cancel an appointment, please do so online or call our Front Desk (902-420-5555) to cancel your appointment. Please do so no later than one (1) hour ahead of your appointment time.
- Clean your exercise equipment before and after use – we all have a responsibility in keeping our environment safe in the fight against Covid-19.

With the reintroduction of shower access, we will continue to assess adding in additional facility features, services and programming. The array of factors to consider include staffing requirements, facility changes and maintenance, appointment scheduling, and capacity numbers. In addition, reintroducing facility features, and services will continue to be guided by instruction from the Province and Public Health as it relates to our operations, and we will continue to meet and exceed all health and safety standards in our buildings.

**As changes to restrictions happen in our business operations/sector we will be sure to communicate these as they pertain to our different areas of operations.**

Questions related to SMU Athletics & Recreation can be directed to [info.athletics@smu.ca](mailto:info.athletics@smu.ca) or to 902-420-5555.

Please visit SMUfit's following accounts to stay up-to-date on closure information;

Website: [www.smufit.ca](http://www.smufit.ca)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SMUfit>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Smufit>

Please visit SMU's COVID-19 website <https://smu.ca/virtualuniversity/> for the latest news and information.

We want to thank our members for their ongoing support during these unprecedented times. We look forward to welcoming you back to the SMU Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness.

**Stay Safe,**

**Greg Knight**

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**Saint Mary's University**