
Guidelines for outdoor/parks wedding photo and ceremony permitting during COVID-19

Infection Prevention and Control Measures

The following mitigation guidelines will help reduce the risk of respiratory infections, including COVID-19.

Before Arrival at Wedding Photo Location

Individuals must self-screen to help prevent the spread of the virus:

- Prior to attending the permitted event, every participant must do the [self-assessment for COVID-19](#) on the Ontario Ministry of Health website and if they do not pass the assessment they should attend until they pass the assessment and do not have signs and symptoms of COVID-19. All participants can visit the [City's website](#) to determine if further care is required and learn about assessment centres.
- All participants should be aware of signs and symptoms of COVID-19, including:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Muscle aches
 - Tiredness
 - Sore throat
 - Headache
 - Runny nose
 - New loss of taste or smell

The World Health Organization advises that symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 10 to 14 days after contracting COVID-19. Those who are infected with COVID-19 may have few or no symptoms. Hence, there is the possibility of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic spread of COVID-19.

Entrance Restrictions:

- Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or has had close contact with a confirmed case cannot attend the permitted ceremony or photos.
- There is a higher risk for severe illness in people over the age of 60, and those with weakened immunity or underlying health conditions.
- Stay at home when you are ill.

While using parks spaces

Reduce the risk of transmission during activities:

- Stay at home when you are ill.

- The [screening questionnaire for staff](#) is available on the Toronto COVID-19 site under Workplaces.
- Practice [physical distancing](#) and maintain a 2 metre distance from others when at the wedding or photoshoot.
- Respect any Provincial Emergency Orders that prohibit social gatherings of a certain size, including current gathering limits of up to 10 people physically distanced.
- Each permit holder must to the best of their ability maintain a record of participants that could support potential public health contact tracing as needed.

Practice proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 15 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue. Immediately throw the tissue in the garbage and wash your hands.
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm.
- Avoid touching your face, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Participants may wear masks at their own discretion.

Ensure that people who become ill with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during the permitted activity should go home to self-isolate:

- People who become ill while at any wedding or photoshoot should go home immediately, in a private vehicle if possible, and self-isolate. They should review the City of Toronto [website](#) for more information about COVID-19.
- If an attendee/participant tests positive for COVID-19, their local Public Health Unit (Toronto Public Health for Toronto residents) will follow-up with close contacts who may include other participants/attendees at the ceremony/photoshoot. Other attendees and participants who came in close contact with the infected individual may be required to self-isolate.

Parks and Adjacent Amenities

Facility Information:

- Nearby facilities (community centres and drinking fountains) may be closed due to public health requirements.

Outdoor/Parks wedding facilities:

Facilities associated with wedding ceremonies and photoshoots will not be sanitized, including, but not limited to:

- Signs
- Seating
- Tables
- Fences

- Gates
- Water fountains
- Storage containers/areas
- other apparatus

All permit activities must be conducted in accordance with the rules and policies of the operational guidelines, and Provincial Orders.

- The current gathering limits of up to 10 people includes family members, friends and photographer(s) for wedding photography.
- The current gathering limits of up to 50 people for outdoor wedding ceremonies includes all participants at the ceremony.
- All persons attending the gathering must remain at least two metres apart from each other and from persons conducting the wedding, funeral, service, rite or ceremony unless they are members of the same household.
- The persons conducting the wedding, funeral, service, rite or ceremony must ensure that it is conducted in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials, including any advice, recommendations or instructions on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting.
- Participants are advised to practice good hand sanitization/hygiene while in the park.
- Participants should not touch other people. This includes no hand shaking. Participants should also not share personal equipment and/or food/beverages.
- Fountains and water bottle filling stations may be closed and patrons are asked to bring their own pre-filled water bottles.
- Participants are asked not to loiter around the parks and gardens to assist in physical distancing and allow others the opportunity to utilize amenity.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Requirements:

- Any equipment that is rented or provided to users of the facility must be cleaned and disinfected between each use.
 - Activities that require the use of equipment or fixed structures that cannot be cleaned and disinfected between each use must not be practiced or played within the facility
- If Washroom facilities are available, they will be cleaned as per Toronto Public Health Guidelines.
- Review [Public Health Ontario's Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings document](#).