

Guidelines for permitting the use of Outdoor parks & gardens during COVID-19

Guidelines: Before Arrival

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

- Prior to attending parks spaces, every participant must complete the self-assessment for COVID-19 on the Ontario Ministry of Health website. If they do not pass the assessment, they should not use the sports fields and multi-use fields until they pass the assessment, and do not have signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Participants should be directed to the City's website to determine if further health care is required and if they should visit an Assessment Centre.

Entrance Restrictions:

- Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or has had close contact with a confirmed case cannot use parks spaces and gardens.
- 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.
- Practice physical distancing and maintain a two metre/six foot distance from others when at the sports fields and multi-use fields.
- Respect any provincial emergency orders that prohibit social gatherings of a certain size, including current gathering limits of up to 100 people physically distanced for photography and up to 100 people for Wedding Ceremonies and or the capacity indicated of the facility.
- 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.
- 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 with 70-90% alcohol concentration.
- 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.

Guidelines: While using parks spaces

- Reduce the risk of transmission during activities:
- Practice proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette:

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- Permit holders should ensure that people who become ill with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 while using parks spaces and gardens go home and self-isolate.
- People who become ill while at any park location should go home immediately, in a private vehicle if possible, and self-isolate. Direct them to the City of Toronto website for more information about COVID-19.
- If a 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 outdoor park participants. Other participants who came in close contact with the infected individual may be required to self-isolate.

Guidelines: Parks and Adjacent Amenities

Facility Information

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

Parks & Gardens Information

Facilities in Parks & Gardens 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.

- Outdoor gathering limits will increase to a maximum of 100 people, subject to physical distancing of at least two metres with people from outside their households or [social circles](#).
- Activities that are likely to result in individuals coming within two metres/six feet of each other must not be practiced within the facility.
- 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.

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- 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 used.
- If washroom facilities are available, they will be cleaned as per public health guidelines. Review Public Health Ontario's Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings document.