



# Parks and Outdoor Playgrounds Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific information for parks and outdoor playgrounds, public sports areas and related facilities. For provincial, regional and private parks and campgrounds, please refer to the [Parks and Campgrounds Guidelines](#).

Every person who visits a park or outdoor playground must follow public health orders in order to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

People exhibiting signs of illness should not enter parks or playgrounds. If you think you may be sick, use the [Government of Saskatchewan's self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions.

People not from the same household or extended household should maintain two metres of physical distancing at all times. Limit gathering with other people when entering and leaving the park/playground and supervising children playing (e.g. paths, benches, picnic areas).

Group sizes must comply with the public gathering restrictions.

Ensure frequent hand hygiene for everyone before, during and after outdoor play.

If an area is busy, such as playground equipment or park space, come back when it's not as busy or use another play area.

Do not share toys or sports equipment between groups.

Practice proper hand hygiene:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water or, when unavailable, with hand sanitizer.
- Refrain from touching your face.
- Carry and use alcohol-based hand sanitizers approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) before and after using playground and other recreational equipment.

Consider limiting children and other members of your household to only visiting playgrounds close to your home. This will help limit the number of people your family may come into contact with.

Mask use is not required, but non-medical masks are an additional measure you can take to protect people around you when physical distancing cannot be maintained or is unpredictable. [Guidelines for cloth masks.](#)

## Facilities

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of public areas and shared spaces must be conducted in accordance with the public health order and follow the [guidelines for environmental cleaning and disinfection.](#)

Employees must have access to proper cleaning and disinfecting supplies and personal protective equipment. Staff are required to stay home if they are unwell or symptomatic.

Signage must be posted in re-opened parks and outdoor playgrounds to caution about the risks of COVID-19, as well as educate users in following the guidelines. Signage should include the following reminders:

- Individuals who are sick should stay home. A physical distance of two metres should be maintained between people not from the same household or extended household.
- Individuals should wash their hands before and after using parks and playgrounds.
- Avoid overcrowding. Individual groups must not exceed the restrictions on public gatherings.

Drinking water fountains may not operate.

Washroom facilities must be open with an increased cleaning and disinfecting schedule, ensuring soap and water or hand sanitizer is available, as well as the proper disposal of paper hand towels.

Pools, spray pads, indoor playgrounds and other recreational facilities and activities are currently not permitted. These activities will be available in Phase 4 of Re-Open Saskatchewan.

## Children's Programming and Community Events

All additional public services, such as children's programming and community-based programming, must be postponed.

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For additional information, please call the Business Response Team at 1-844-800-8688 or email [supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca](mailto:supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca).