



## News Release

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### **The County of Brant Continues to Re-Open Park Amenities, Skate Parks, Sports Fields, Basketball and Multi-purpose Courts and River Access Points**

**County of Brant, ON** – Following alongside the Province of Ontario’s guidelines, the County of Brant is re-opening additional outdoor recreational amenities.

“We want to make sure we do this with caution,” said Kathy Ballantyne, Director of Parks and Facilities for the County of Brant. “The health of our residents is our top priority and we want to make sure we re-open in a safe manner. We ask that you practice physical distancing at all times while using our trails, parks and amenities.”

Please note, County-owned trails and parks are open for public use.

Below is a list of additional recreational amenities which are re-opening for use:

- As of **May 27, 2020**, outdoor picnic shelters are open.
- As of **May 27, 2020**, all skate parks are open.
- As of **May 27, 2020**, all sports fields are open for casual use only (no organized or team sports at this time).
- As of **May 27, 2020**, all basketball / multi-purpose courts are open.
- As of **May 30, 2020**, Bean Park River Access point and Penman’s Dam Portage/Launch are open. Eric Thomlinson River Access point in Glen Morris re-opened on May 16, 2020.

Safety protocols and additional information are available for the above recreational amenities at [www.brant.ca/COVID-19](http://www.brant.ca/COVID-19)

Outdoor park amenities such as tables and benches will not be sanitized and you should wash or sanitize your hands before and after use. The sports fields are not being regularly groomed, maintained or inspected, so please use at your own risk.

Residents are required to practice physical distancing at all times. Do not gather in groups of more than five (5) people and do not share equipment or multi-use courts with individuals who do not live in your household.

As directed by the Province of Ontario, the following amenities remain **closed**:

- Outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment
- Outdoor fitness equipment

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- Outdoor pools and splash pads
- Indoor recreational facilities

“I cannot stress enough the importance of abiding by the Provincial Orders and following the advice of our medical professionals,” said Greg Bergeron, Supervisor of Enforcement and Regulatory Services. “Staying at least 2 metres from others and not gathering in groups of more than five (5) people can, and will save lives. If you have questions about what is and is not allowed, please call our COVID-19 Response line at 519.761.8391 or email [COVID-19@brant.ca](mailto:COVID-19@brant.ca)”

Please do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The Brant County Health Unit is now recommending wearing a non-medical face mask where physical distancing might be difficult. We all have a role to play in keeping our community safe.

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