
Return to Play - Playgrounds

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Guidance for Playground Users (Parents, Caregivers and Children)

- Monitor your health and stay home if you or a family member don't feel well or are experiencing symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath or other symptoms of COVID-19.
- Playgrounds will not be sanitized. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Always maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) between yourself and people not in your household or social circle.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.
- Observe the recommended playground occupancy. Come back to play at another time if the playground is too crowded to maintain physical distancing.
- Children and adults should wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or sanitize hands BEFORE and AFTER using the playground. Be especially vigilant after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Parks with washrooms will have soap and water available for hand washing. Bring and use hand sanitizer often that contains at least 60% alcohol while using playgrounds. Be sure to cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Should a face covering be worn when using playgrounds, keep these key considerations top of mind:
 - *Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.*
 - *Consider the type of mask being worn. Masks that tear away easily are the best option for playing on playgrounds to prevent entanglement risk.*
 - *If a face covering is worn properly and children are supervised, they should not pose additional safety hazards. It is important to supervise children prudently when using playgrounds and other play structures.*
 - *Parents and caregivers should monitor how masks are being worn. If children are unable to wear them or if play is vigorous and the face covering is moving around on the face or neck, children should not wear face coverings or masks. Physical distancing is paramount at all times but especially when masks cannot be worn.*

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