



# Outdoor Recreation

As Southwestern Public Health moves into Step 3 of the provincial COVID-19 response framework, adjusting the outdoor recreation rules will help facilitate recreational activities while doing our part to help stop the spread.

The Municipality of West Elgin must follow rules set out by the Province and Public Health at our facilities. We've worked closely with public health to establish facility guidelines that prioritize participants safety. We know that some of the rules can be frustrating and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we take the necessary steps to keep participants and staff safe in these challenging times. The rules are subject to change.

## General Outdoor Recreation Rules

We ask all users to stay home if you are feeling unwell or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. We encourage all users to sanitize or wash hands frequently. If you need to cough or blow your nose please use a tissue and dispose of it into a garbage receptacle.

The outdoor recreational facilities are not monitored or disinfected. If you would like to disinfect the equipment before use please bring your own wipes.

## Access to Facility

We ask that all users remain with their household and practice physical distancing guidelines. If there are plenty of other children playing on the equipment when you arrive, consider returning later on when the playground is less busy, or play an outdoor game next to the playground until fewer children are present.

This will reduce the level of difficulty adhering to physical distancing with others present.

## Number of Participants

We ask anyone using the pavilions to follow outdoor occupancy limits for an unsupervised event

Outdoor gathering: 100 persons

Outdoor fitness class: Number of people that can safely remain 3 meters from every other participant.

All persons must maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 meters from anyone that is not part of their household or considered a care giver.





## **Outdoor Recreation Participation**

We ask all persons attending any playground, walking trail, outdoor sports court, and pavilion to maintain a physical distance, sanitize or wash hands when available. If the area is busy please visit at another time.

## **Face Coverings**

Face coverings are not mandatory to attend an outdoor recreation area but we do encourage physical distancing and the use of face mask to help stop the spread.

We encourage everyone to sanitize or wash hands frequently and practice proper respiratory etiquette. We ask that anyone planning on attending a fitness class or the splash pad to come to the facility dressed.

## **Respecting Staff**

It bears reminding that Recreation staff don't set the rules, but do have an important role to play in enforcing them.

If a staff member reminds you about COVID-19 rules or general safety rules, they are doing their job. Please take their comments as a friendly reminder, and do your part by following the rules.

If you have questions about any of these rules please:

- Review the policies set by the Province (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca>) and Public Health (<https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.aspx>)
- Contact the Municipality of West Elgin Parks and Recreation (519)-785-0560



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