

Playground Use Directive

General Directive and Intent:

- To open the playgrounds and allow children and families to participate in physical activity while maintaining within the guidelines set out by the province of Alberta and Alberta Health Services.

Restrictions:

- All patrons must maintain physical distancing of 2 meters (6 feet) of each other.
- Must not gather in groups larger than 50 while maintaining the physical distancing of 2 meters (6 Feet) from individuals outside of their household or cohort family.
- Wear a mask if physical distancing of 2 meters (6 feet) cannot be maintained.

Best Practices:

- Post signs that indicate the gathering restrictions and physical distancing set out by the province and AHS.
- Drinking water fountains should be shut off.
- Ensure garbage bins with removable liners are available and checked regularly.
- Consider limiting access to playgrounds to those who live in the immediate area.
- Consider limiting capacity at playground to allow for 2-meter distancing. Post signs to remind users of capacity restrictions.
- Signage indicating the playground equipment is not being cleaned. Users should clean prior to use and after use.

Individual Actions and Precautions:

- Those who are sick or have symptoms related to Covid-19 must not use playgrounds.
- Encourage children to avoid sharing toys or sports equipment and limit contact with individuals outside their household or cohort family.
- Clean and disinfect toys and sports equipment prior to and after use.
- Caution should be taken around playground equipment.
- Practice proper hygiene
 - Wash your hands frequently.
 - Refrain from touching your face with unclean hands
 - Carry and use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol immediately before and after using playground equipment.
- Consider limiting children and other members of your household to only visiting playgrounds that are close to your home. This will help limit the number of people your family may come into contact with.
- Maintain physical distancing and limit congregating with other people when entering and leaving the playground and supervising children playing (e.g. paths, benches, picnic areas).
- Individuals should maintain physical distancing when returning to vehicles or homes.