

Response Planning Team Update – June 12, 2020

Intended for use and distribution to school division personnel

Playgrounds Reopening

As of today, outdoor playgrounds around the province are allowed to open as part of Phase 3 of the province's *Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan*.

Families visiting parks or outdoor playgrounds are reminded that they must still follow the public health orders in place to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Information on the reopening of outdoor playgrounds is available starting on page 73 of the [*Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan*](#) (updated June 12). Guidelines for use of outdoor playgrounds are also available here: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/re-open-saskatchewan-plan/guidelines/outdoor-recreation-guidelines>.

The guidelines include:

- People exhibiting signs of illness should not enter parks or playgrounds.
- People not from the same household or extended household should maintain two metres of physical distancing at all times.
- Group sizes must comply with the public gathering restrictions.
- Ensure frequent hand hygiene for everyone before, during and after outdoor play. Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water or, when unavailable, with hand sanitizer.
- 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.

The Response Planning Team understands some school divisions may be choosing to put up posters at school playgrounds to remind users of these guidelines. Horizon School Division has kindly shared a sample poster that divisions may choose to adapt for their own use.

Thank you to Horizon for sharing this template and to you all for your continued leadership during this challenging times.

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