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Fort Erie reopens some outdoor recreational areas and amenities

FORT ERIE (May 22, 2020) Keeping in line with guidelines from the Province, some outdoor recreational amenities will be reopened over this upcoming week in the Town of Fort Erie.

Specifically, residents will be able to use parks and outdoor sports fields for more than walk-through uses, with some limitations. Residents must still abide by restrictions limiting groups to no more than five people and maintaining a two-metre physical separation. Passive activities will now be permitted in these areas including:

- Bringing a chair or blanket to relax in parks
- Kicking a ball, playing catch, flying a kite and other such activities with members of their own households
- Individual activities such as yoga or exercising, provided they are not in a group or class

New signage will be put up in these areas to advise of the safety measures that are put in place. In addition, staff will begin removing yellow caution tape from park benches and returning picnic tables to green spaces. Fort Erie residents are asked to remain patient as Staff implement these changes over the next week and prepare for the safe use of these outdoor recreational areas and amenities.

In addition to easing certain restrictions some previously closed amenities are opening for use. These amenities are:

- Leash-free dog parks
- Skate parks
- Tennis courts
- Multi-use courts

Those planning to utilize municipal green space to have picnics, sit on benches and picnic tables, or use various recreational amenities, are strongly encouraged to ensure

[preventive measures](#), as outlined by the Niagara Region Public Health Department, are followed at all times.

The following areas are not open at this time under the Province's regulations:

- Playgrounds, structures, and equipment
- Spray pads
- Public swimming pools
- Public washrooms

To read more about the Town's COVID-19 response, please visit www.forterie.ca/pages/Covid19News. Residents can visit the page for updates, and should watch the Town's social media channels or [subscribe](#) for Fort Erie COVID-19 alerts and updates.