

May 26, 2021



TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

Notes

Township of Norwich Recreational Facilities - Provincial Amendment of Stay at Home Restrictions (May 22, 2021) and “Re-opening Plan” Announcement

This is further to the announcement from the Province regarding amendments to the “Stay at Home” restrictions which became effective May 22nd, as well as the 3-step Reopening Plan announced.

In summary, Norwich Township outdoor recreational facilities (parks, playgrounds, sports fields) are open to the public, with requirements to maintain physical distancing of at least 2 metres, compliance with all health unit protocols, and with no league/team play. The attached information titled “*What’s Open on May 22, 2021, in Ontario*” from SWPH is included to provide details of the Provincial amendments to restrictions.

Township Splash Pads

Township splash pads are planned to be opened on the usual annual schedule, for the weekend of June 19th. Again, it is expected that capacity will be limited to maintain physical distancing requirements.

Otterville Pool

Opening of the Township outdoor pool located in the Otterville park is still being evaluated at this time. The Township is proceeding with preparations for opening, but are evaluating operating restrictions for health precautions and seeking additional information before making a recommendation on the 2021 season. An announcement on the pool will hopefully be able to be provided by mid-June.

What's Open on May 22, 2021 in Ontario

While the Stay at Home Order remains in effect, Ontario did loosen restrictions on some outdoor activities in time for the long weekend. You may also enjoy very small social visits with a maximum of five people outdoors. Please continue to practice physical distancing at all times.

The following recreational amenities are allowed to open:

- *Parks and recreational areas*
- *Baseball diamonds*
- *Batting cages*
- *Soccer, football and sports fields*
- *Tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts*
- *Basketball courts*
- *BMX parks*
- *Skate parks*
- *Golf courses and driving ranges*
- *Frisbee golf locations*
- *Cycling tracks and bike trails*
- *Horse riding facilities*
- *Shooting ranges, including those operated by rod and gun clubs*
- *Ice rinks, tobogganing hills, snowmobile, cross country ski, dogsledding, ice skating and snow shoe trails*
- *Playgrounds*
- *Portions of parks or recreational areas containing outdoor fitness equipment*
- *Archery ranges*
- *Boat and watercraft launches*
- *Lawn game courts, including lawn bowling, bocce and croquet courts*

Please note:

- ***An outdoor recreational amenity may only open if any person who enters or uses the amenity maintains a physical distance of at least two metres from any other person who is using the amenity.***
- ***Team sports are not to be practiced or played within the amenity.***
- ***Sports or games that are likely to result in individuals coming within two metres of each other may not be practiced or played within the amenity.***
- ***Any locker rooms, change rooms, showers, clubhouses, restaurants, pools, meeting rooms, fitness centres or other recreational facilities on the premises remain closed, except to the extent they provide access to equipment storage, a washroom or a portion of the amenity that is used to provide first aid.***