

Playgrounds and Skateboard Park:

In an effort to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19, the Township of Wellesley is taking steps to close our outdoor playgrounds and skateboard parks. We recognize that parents and caregivers are looking for outdoor activities to keep their children occupied; however, because the virus can remain active on many surfaces, staff cannot effectively clean and disinfect the play structures located throughout the Township. Public health is also strongly urging everyone to practice social distancing. Therefore, beginning today Township staff will post signs indicating that all Township playgrounds and skateboard park are closed until April 6 or until further notice.

This decision was not taken lightly and was made with the health and safety of the public and our staff in mind. Regionally this will impact approximately 400 locations as our neighbouring communities are following in the same practice. We are asking parents, caregivers and children to follow this direction until the closure is lifted. Parks, trails and open space remain open and the community is encouraged to ***practice social distancing protocols*** while enjoying these outdoor spaces.

Please remember to follow Public Health's directives and take actions to help prevent the spread of germs and viruses like COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with warm water and soap or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

For more information about COVID-19 and methods to reduce infection please visit:

Region of Waterloo – Public Health Website <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/2019-novel-coronavirus.aspx>

Please Remember To:

Practice Social Distancing, Wash Your Hands with Soap and Warm Water, and Avoid Touching Your Eyes, Nose and Mouth.

Be Kind & Take Care of Each Other.

