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Reopening of Parksville Community Park Amenities

The City of Parksville will reopen the Lions Ventureland playground in the Parksville Community Park on Friday, June 12. As well, the outdoor gym will be available for use by the public on June 12. These openings are part of the City's gradual and phased approach to reopening of amenities and services closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City's reopening plan which details timelines for reopening of City services and amenities is available on the website.

Sports fields and the skate park in the Parksville Community Park are open for recreational use only by small groups and the City's sports courts in the Community Park and Springwood Park are open for casual play only. The splash park in the Parksville Community Park will open on June 26.

Users of the playground and outdoor gym are expected to follow public health guidelines. Signage will be posted as reminders to maintain physical distancing and to follow provincial safety guidelines. Parents are responsible for supervising their children and the City expects playgrounds to be used safely and responsibly. Please note playground and gym equipment is not regularly cleaned or disinfected.

- Keep at least two metres (six feet) away from people from other households, even while playing.
- Avoid overcrowding, large groups and gatherings.
- Children should wash or sanitize their hands thoroughly and frequently before/after play and touching shared surfaces.
- Avoid touching face and cover coughs and sneezes.
- Limit use of playgrounds at busy times and limit use if others are waiting.
- Regardless of age, you must not enter the playground if feeling unwell, with no exceptions.

The City proactively closed playgrounds and other outdoor amenities in mid-March due to concerns users were not physically distancing and as a precautionary measure to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

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