

# PARKS AND RECREATION

This includes parks, trails, playgrounds, campgrounds, public pools, hot tubs, spas, and water play areas.

## AVERAGE LEVEL OF CUSTOMER INTERACTION

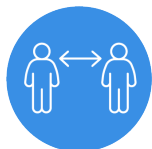


Work requires some contact with visitors.

## EMPLOYEE + CUSTOMER PROTECTION



- Keep a minimum quantity of 15-day supply of PPE.
- Employees working within six feet of others should wear masks.
- Encourage or require the use of work gloves, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact with contaminated surfaces, i.e., trash pick up, cleaning restrooms and shared equipment.
- Prepare and place relevant posters and signage throughout the facility to remind visitors to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Signs should include, at a minimum:
  - Refrain from using facilities if visitor is exhibiting symptoms.
  - Use social distancing and maintain at least six feet between other visitors in all areas of the facility. If this is not possible, visitors should find an alternate location or depart that space.
  - Masks should be used if interacting within six feet of other visitors. Visitors should not wear masks in the water. Cloth face coverings can be difficult to breathe through when they are wet.
  - Follow the current state or local guidelines for the size of social gatherings including outdoor picnicking, pick-up sports, and other group hangouts.
  - Visitors should wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol before and after activities. Identify location of handwashing and sanitization stations.



- Masks should be used for visitors interacting within six feet of someone else.
- Stagger or rotate shifts to limit the number of employees present at the facility at the same time.
- Monitor areas where visitors are likely to gather and consider temporary closure to support social distancing practices. These areas might include locker rooms, sports fields, playgrounds, skateparks, basketball courts, tennis courts, and picnic areas. In the event of facility closures, employees should place physical barriers in these areas and post signs communicating that the area is closed.
- Change deck layouts to ensure that in the standing and seating areas, visitors can remain at least six feet apart from others. This includes the spacing of deck furniture. This should not be the responsibility of any on-duty lifeguard. Consider presence of additional staff to enforce distancing.



- Conduct a daily entry screening protocol for workers, contractors, and suppliers. The screening should include:
  - A questionnaire that covers symptoms and potential exposure to people with or suspected of having COVID-19.
  - Temperature checks, if possible (as soon as no-touch thermometers can be obtained).
  - Visit [www.KentCountyBacktoWork.com](http://www.KentCountyBacktoWork.com) to learn how you can participate in the Kent County Back to Work Health Check program.



- Frequently and thoroughly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, paying special attention to shared items and equipment (e.g., work vehicles, lifeguard stands, benches, handrails, playground equipment, pool toys, pool chairs).
- Set-up a system so that items that need to be cleaned and disinfected are kept separate from already cleaned and disinfected items.
- If possible, restrooms should remain open if a facility remains open for public visitation. If restrooms remain open, they should be cleaned and disinfected often, particularly high-touch surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs, and light switches. If restrooms will be closed, notify visitors ahead of time so they can prepare appropriately, i.e., website, social media and signs at all entrances.
- Ensure there is an adequate amount of supplies which support healthy hygiene including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, paper towels, tissues, and no-touch trash cans.
- Maintain proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (with chlorine or bromine) of swimming pools. Proper disinfectant levels (1–10 parts per million free chlorine or 3–8 ppm bromine) and pH (7.2–8).
- Treat pools with biocidal shock treatment on a daily to weekly basis.
- Launder towels and clothing according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water temperature and dry items completely.



- Designate a site-specific supervisor to monitor and oversee the implementation of COVID-19 control strategies. The supervisor must remain on-site at all times during activities. An on-site worker may be designated to perform the supervisory role.
- Encourage workers to stay home and self-report to supervisor as soon as possible after developing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Close facility immediately if an employee or visitor shows multiple symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, atypical shortness of breath, atypical cough) and perform a deep clean, consistent with guidance from FDA and the Center for Disease Control.
- Send potentially exposed workers home upon identification of a positive case of COVID-19 in the facility.
- In all cases, follow guidelines for staff exposures and symptoms.

## MORE PARKS AND RECREATION RESOURCES

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)  
<https://www.nrpa.org/>

Pool and Hot Tub Alliance  
<https://www.phtacoronaupdate.com/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
<https://www.cdc.gov/>