



## **COVID-19 Warwick Update** **Update 12 – Revised August 5, 2020**

### **Reopening Several Park Amenities for Public Use**

In alignment with Phase 3 of Ontario's Framework for Reopening the Province, the Township of Warwick will be reopening additional park amenities for public use.

While park amenities reopen, health measures and precautions remain critical to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the community. This includes physical distancing, and limiting the size of gatherings of no more than 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors, keeping at least two metres away from others outside of their direct household.

#### **The following recreation facilities are open as of July 24, 2020:**

##### ***Playgrounds and Play Structures – Watford and Warwick Ball Parks:***

Residents are reminded that playgrounds are unsupervised and amenities are not sanitized. Playground users should wash or sanitize their hands after using the play structures.

##### ***Outdoor baseball diamonds:***

Team sports and leagues may resume with physical distancing measures in effect except when playing a team sport. *Please see more information on Team Sports below.* To schedule a ball diamond, contact Theresa Klachan, Manager Parks and Recreation at [tklachan@warwicktownship.ca](mailto:tklachan@warwicktownship.ca).

#### **The following facilities will be open August 4, 2020:**

##### ***Halls: Centennial Hall, Watford Community Arena Hall, Warwick Community Hall***

The halls will be open with the following restrictions:

- Physical distancing of at least 2 metres remains a requirement for all people not from the same household or social circle.
- No food/beverages served for the month of August. This will be re-evaluated as Stage 3 progresses/regresses.
- No dancing or singing. This will be re-evaluated as Stage 3 progresses/regresses.
- Indoor gathering limit is a maximum of 50 people. This limit does not include people at their place of work.

- Gathering indoors for religious services, rites or ceremonies and wedding ceremonies or funeral services is 30 per cent of the capacity of the room provided this number allows for physical distancing of 2 metres.

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| Centennial Hall:              | Capacity – 300 | 30% = 90 |
| Watford Community Arena Hall: | Capacity – 250 | 30% = 75 |
| Warwick Community Hall:       | Capacity – 149 | 30% = 45 |

**The following recreation facilities remain open as per Stage 1 & 2 and updated as per Stage 3:**

***Splash Pad:***

The splash pad will be open daily 8:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.

***Benches, picnic tables and park shelters:***

The community may use picnic tables, benches and park shelters (pavilions) provided that physical distancing of at least two metres is maintained. As these amenities are not sanitized, residents should wash or sanitize their hands thoroughly after use.

***Basketball Court***

Basketball courts are now available for use, with physical distancing measures in effect except when playing a team sport. *Please see more information on Team Sports below.*

***Tennis courts***

Tennis courts are available for use with physical distancing measures in effect. Gathering limits do not apply.

***Track***

The track is available for use with physical distancing measures in effect.

***Off-leash dog parks***

The Waste Management off-leash dog park is open for public use.

***Family Washroom – Watford Ball Park:***

The Family Washroom at Watford Ball Park will be open for use.

**All rentals must submit a Return to Play/Activity/Work/Function Plan outlining how they are respecting public health rules for COVID-19 to be approved by the Municipality, sign COVID-19 Waivers, complete Self-Screening Questionnaires and complete “tracing” (who was there, when they were there, contact information).**

With these park amenities opening, the Township is reminding the community that health measures remain in place to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the community. While using these spaces, please continue to practice all health guidelines in these spaces.

- Stay two metres away from others using the facility.
- Gatherings of no more than 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors and practice physical distancing by keeping at least two metres away from others outside of their direct household.
- Sneeze or cough into your sleeve or elbow or cover with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

In keeping with physical distancing measures, if you arrive at a park space that is too busy or crowded, we ask that you wait until there is enough space to properly practice physical distancing or return at another time.

**The Watford Community Arena is under review:**

As ice is not currently in at the Watford Community Arena and historically ice making and rentals would take place mid to late August or early September, arena operations are under review. *Please see information on Team Sports below.*

**Teams Sports:**

- Prolonged or deliberate contact while playing is not permitted.
- Amateur and recreational sport leagues may resume so long as they do not allow prolonged or deliberate physical contact between players.
- Leagues must contain no more than 50 participants total. If participants in a league exceed 50, the league may divide into smaller groups of no more than 50. Players are not yet permitted to play against players outside of their league or group.
- Spectators at all sporting events, including professional sports, will be subject to gathering limits and physical distancing measures, with assigned seating where possible.

**The following park amenities will remain closed until further notice:**

- Men's and Women's Washrooms – Watford and Warwick Ball Parks.

**The Township has made the determination to keep the following amenities closed for the time being:**

- BMX Park and Pump Track

*Note: The BMX Park and Pump Track will remain closed for the summer. The future of the BMX Park and Pump Track will be reviewed during the development of the Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Culture Master Plan planned for 2020.*

### **Assumption of Risk**

**By visiting any parks and publicly accessible spaces you voluntarily assume all risk, including any risk of injury, loss, damage and possible exposure to a communicable disease such as COVID-19.**