

Waubuno Beach Re-Opening Safety Plan 2021

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Maximum Capacity

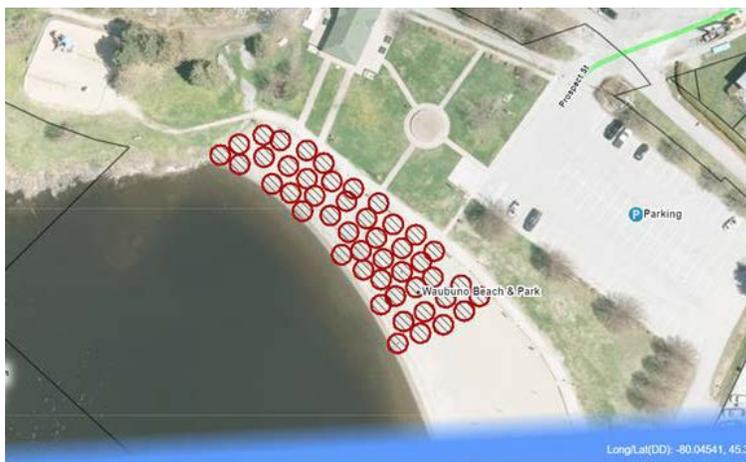
Maximum capacities will align with recommendations from the Province of Ontario on physical distancing outdoors.

The sand area of Waubuno Beach will have a limit of 200 persons at any one time. This figure is based on an allocation of 50 circles, 16-feet in diameter, spread out across the sand surface of the beach. This calculation assumes 4 individuals in a household per circle for a total of 200 persons on the beach at any given time.

Signage will be erected at the beach encouraging patrons to maintain a distance of at least 2-metres or 6-feet from those who are not a member of their household¹.

Should the sand area of Waubuno Beach reach capacity at any time, lifeguards will place fencing along the pathway separating the sand from the grass area to restrict additional persons from entering the sand area. Fencing will only be removed when the number of persons occupying the sand area has reached a number below capacity.

Waubuno Beach Social Distancing Map



Each circle allots a 16-ft diameter circle for 4 individuals from the same household.

Flow of Patrons

Flow of patrons will be such that physical distancing measures are adhered to and that capacity in washrooms will allow for appropriate physical distancing as legislated by the Province of Ontario.

Each washroom at Waubuno Beach has only one point of entry/exit, so additional measures will be taken to ensure that washroom capacities will not be exceeded.

Measures to limit capacities in washrooms to be taken will include:

- Posting signage with capacity limits outside each washroom accessway¹.
- Using physical markings to ensure proper distancing while waiting in line to enter the washroom¹.
- Blocking off infrastructure such as toilet stalls, urinals, and sinks where physical distancing cannot be properly maintained².

Due to the large, open space and multiple entry and exit points available to the public at Waubuno Beach, no plan to direct flow of traffic into and out of the park is deemed necessary at this time.

Equipment

Patron Equipment

No equipment will be lent out to the public with the exception of personal floatation devices (PFD) which may be lent out to the public at staff's discretion¹.

Upon return, PFDs that are lent out to the public will be placed in the designated location for staff to disinfect prior to being used by another patron.

Staff Equipment

Where possible, equipment is not to be shared among employees¹. Each staff member will be provided with a rescue torpedo for personal use over the course of the season. Each staff member will be supplied with a fanny pack which is to be on their person at all times during the staff members' shift. Each fanny pack will contain:

- Resuscitation face mask and filter
- Gloves
- Non-medical mask
- Eye glasses with wraparound protection
- Hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol for personal use
- Walkie-talkie

Amenities

Cleaning

Washrooms and water fountains will be cleaned by staff at least every 2 hours, or more often as required. In addition to regular cleaning of toilets and sinks, staff will also clean and disinfect common touch points such as²:

- Door handles
- Accessibility door buttons
- Paper towel and soap dispensers
- Sink taps
- Stall handles
- Urinal handles
- Toilet handles and toilet seat
- Toilet paper dispenser
- Feminine product lid
- Baby changing table

Staffing

General

Staff are encouraged to reduce unnecessary interaction as much as possible by¹:

- Washing hands thoroughly before and after eating
- Do not share utensils, cups, or dishes
- Eat lunch separately and/or outside
- Disinfecting shared surfaces (such as chairs, desks, etc.) after each individual use

COVID Screening

Staff are required to self-screen for COVID³ by completing the corporate Daily Employee Self-Assessment prior to beginning work each day. A supervisor will collect completed self-assessments each day.

Reporting an Illness

If an employee identifies as experiencing COVID symptoms, they must remain at home and notify a supervisor as soon as possible that they will not be reporting for work. The employee must notify the local Public Health Unit and follow advice given. The supervisor will notify the HR Coordinator to report the illness³.

Office Use

A maximum of 2 staff members may be in the office at any given time. Staff must wear masks while in the office if sharing the space with another staff member. Staff are encouraged to keep the windows and doors open as appropriate to maintain air flow through the office.

Staff Locker Area

A maximum of 2 staff members may be in the locker area at any given time. Staff must wear masks while in the locker area if sharing the space with another staff member. Staff are encouraged to keep the doors open as appropriate to maintain air flow through the locker area.

Each staff member will be assigned a locker at the beginning of the beach season. Staff will be assigned a locker for the season and are to limit their belongings to their locker only¹. No locker space is to be shared with another staff member.

Lunch Breaks

Staff are encouraged to take lunch breaks separately to avoid close interaction¹. Staff are also encouraged to eat meals outdoors on picnic tables or under the pavilion.

Guard Rotations

Guard rotations will occur at standard intervals (normally every 30 minutes, but can be done more frequently with supervisor approval on very hot or busy days). When rotating positions, the guard coming off of a chair or the office will sanitize any shared equipment (i.e. guard chair, umbrella stand, desk, office chair etc.)¹.

Certifications

All staff must have current certifications, including First Aid, CPR-C, and NL Waterfront or Pool.

Training

Training will be provided to all staff prior to the beginning of regular lifeguarding shifts at Waubuno Beach. Training will include (but is not limited to) COVID protocols and modifications to rescue procedures. A blended learning approach will be used where possible consisting of both online and in-person training¹. When it is not possible to complete training remotely, physical distancing measures will be put into place.

Staff will be provided PPE and personal First Aid equipment to use during training. All staff will follow proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette and wear a non-medical mask/face covering.

Rescues

For all in-water rescues, keeping staff/rescuers safe is the first priority. Staff should use the lowest risk rescue possible and the fewest number of rescuers possible to effectively manage the situation.

All rescuers should don PPE (mask, gloves, and eye protection) prior to approaching the victim. In the event that a lifeguard is entering the water to perform a rescue, they need to remove their mask prior to entering the water. The in-water rescuer completes the rescue and passes the victim over to staff on land who are wearing appropriate PPE. The in-water rescuer then dries off, dons appropriate PPE and can assist if the situation requires¹.

Citations

1. Guide to Reopening Pools and Waterfronts, Lifesaving Society. June 2020 Edition, Updated July 2, 2020.
2. [Guidance for facilities for sports and recreational fitness activities during COVID-19](#), Province of Ontario.
3. COVID-19 Municipal Corporate Response Plan, Town of Parry Sound. September 29, 2020.