

**The Corporation of the District of Peachland Policy**

**COVID-19 Pandemic Response**

Effective Date: June 8, 2021	Authorized By: Council	Replaces: June 11, 2020 June 23, 2020 October 27, 2020 February 23, 2021
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**PURPOSE:**

To reduce transmission hazards during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The District of Peachland is committed to following the orders and guidelines established by the Provincial and Local Health Officer, WorkSafe BC, BC Centre for Disease Control and relevant public health organizations.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The District of Peachland supports safe facilities and municipal services. Efforts to establish a new normal during the COVID-19 pandemic will be framed with the overarching desire to protect Council, staff and patrons against transmission of COVID-19. Despite the District’s best efforts, the risk remains that a COVID-19 outbreak could occur.

When the COVID-19 pandemic comes to an end by declaration of relevant public health organizations, including the World Health Organization, this policy will cease to be in effect.

**DETAILS:**

**1 General Conditions:**

Staff and patrons are expected to:

- i. Stay home if they are sick
- ii. Self-isolate for 14 days if they have travelled outside of Canada
- iii. Practice personal hygiene
- iv. Manage their own risk when attending District facilities, parks and services
- v. Avoid gathering in groups or overcrowding

**2 Physical Distancing**

- i. All staff and patrons are asked to maintain at least 2m of physical distancing
- ii. If physical distancing is not possible, staff will implement Engineering Controls, Administrative Controls and Personal Protection Equipment to reduce the risk of transmission
- iii. Maximum occupancy will be developed and posted for all facilities and programs to provide adequate space for physical distancing
- iv. Considerations will be made with regards to ingress and egress to ensure that physical distancing can be maintained while accessing facilities, programs or services
- v. Meetings will be held electronically or virtually when physical distancing cannot be maintained

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**3 Facility and Program Operation**

- i. Facilities and programs that cannot support physical distancing guidelines will be closed to the public
- ii. Facilities or programs may be closed/cancelled if determined by the CAO or designate to not meet the objective of the financial plan. Such decisions will be reported to Council
- iii. Program participants will be required to sign a COVID-19 Assumption of Risk and Permission form
- iv. The 20% administration fee for program withdrawals and rental cancellations due to COVID-19 will be waived

**4 Sanitization**

- i. High contact touch surfaces in common areas will be disinfected at least two (2) times daily
- ii. Shared equipment or resources will be cleaned and disinfected between use

**5 Hand Hygiene**

- i. The District will provide hand washing or hand sanitization facilities

**6 Safety Plans**

- i. Safety plans will be developed for employee and patron health and safety
- ii. Recreation programs and activities must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- iii. Park and facility rentals must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan and must present their safety plan to the District for review upon request

**7 Events/Rentals**

- i. Facility Use Agreements shall include a COVID-19 addendum acknowledging the COVID-19 pandemic and District policies, procedures and safety plans

**8 Parks/Playgrounds**

- i. Playground and outdoor amenities are not cleaned or disinfected

**9 Outbreak**

- i. It is vital that any person who believes that they may have become ill or someone in their household may have become ill with COVID-19 within 14 days of attending a District facility to report immediately to the District and to seek appropriate medical attention by first calling 8-1-1
- ii. The District will share personal information for the purposes of contact tracing if the need arises
- iii. All persons taking part in District activities or attending activities held by a renter must consent to allow their personal information to be shared with the Health Authority as required