

It's EOC report card time: Help Penticton make the grade

(Penticton, BC – May 25, 2020) – The City would like to remind visitors to Penticton's parks, beaches and outdoor facilities to be mindful of COVID-19 safety measures. The Emergency Operations Centre will also be monitoring these outdoor spaces to assess whether the public is abiding by the guidelines.

EOC and City staff members has begun filling out report cards on various locations, with the results being used to track whether the spaces can safely remain open. This progress will also help steer the timing of future phased openings.

"We applaud those many groups who have found creative ways to socialize outdoors while maintaining physical distancing," said Bregje Kozak, EOC Deputy Director and the City's Director of Recreation & Facilities.

"However, we have also seen instances of people not abiding by the restrictions, particularly at some outdoor recreation sites. We will continue to assess these locations and encourage everyone to pay attention to the posted signage."

While visiting a park or beach:

- Ensure gatherings are small, with no congregating between groups.
- Keep your distance of at least two metres from others, including in parking lots.
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently and upon returning home.
- Please dispose of any garbage or recycling in the bins provided.

While using an outdoor recreation facility, in addition to the above:

- Stay two metres apart from other players at all times.
- Limit play to single or doubles with partners from the same household.
- Clearly mark your balls and refrain from picking up others.
- Do not share racquets or other equipment.

"The threat of COVID-19 is not over, and it's important we continue to follow these safety measures," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "For example, when you're walking along the boardwalks, please remember to be respectful of others and move into single file if necessary. Thank you for showing your consideration for others and let's continue to be safe."

All updates involving the reopening of City facilities and services will be posted to penticton.ca/restart.

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