

Oconto County Public Health Outdoor Recreation Guidelines

Beaches/Parks/Playgrounds: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/park-administrators.html>

Opening beaches, parks and playgrounds for the public is discouraged, however, Public Health recognizes that people want to use these outdoor recreational facilities. People from different households often gather in close proximity at these facilities, which increases their risk of being exposed to COVID-19. The number of people who visit these facilities can grow quickly. In addition, children have a difficult time maintaining 6 feet of space between themselves and others. If you visit or maintain these facilities, please keep these guidelines in mind:

Maintenance Staff

- Post signs to encourage social distancing and no gathering.
- Maintain restrooms by cleaning and disinfecting every two hours or as often as possible; provide enough handwashing supplies and garbage cans in order to ensure proper and frequent handwashing.
- Do not open concession stands.

Visitors

- Keep at least 6 feet of space between you and other people.
- Do not gather in groups of 10 or more people that live outside of your household.
- Do not go to the beach/park/playground if you are sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water is not available.
- Adults and children age 2 and older are encouraged to wear a face mask while not in the water.

Rummage Sales

It is recommended to cancel or postpone all in-person yard and rummage sales. COVID-19 spreads through close contact and gathering of people which often occurs at rummage sales. The people who come to the sale can grow unexpectedly, and people often shop at multiple sales in one day. This can cause COVID-19 to spread quickly. Other risky things at rummage sales include cash transactions and multiple people touching multiple things. There is still a lot that is unknown about COVID such as how long it can live on different surfaces. One option to consider: post and sell items using a virtual community, garage sale apps, or online sales platform. These options allow sellers to sell items without physical contact with the buyer. If you choose to hold a rummage sale, please keep these guidelines in mind:

- Set tables far apart so people can keep 6 feet apart from each other.
- Mark 6 feet distances in places where people line up such as the check-out area.
- Consider no contact payment methods if able such as PayPal or Venmo.
- Sanitize high touched surfaces often.
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Provide hand sanitizer.
- Avoid serving food and drinks.
- Wear a face mask and encourage your shoppers to do the same.
- Have a sale only if you are healthy.
- Post clear signs asking people to stay 6 feet apart, leave if sick, wear a mask, and use hand sanitizer.

Youth Programs and/or Sports

In general, most organized activities and sports are not recommended. These activities and sports typically require coaches and athletes who are not from the same household or living unit to be in close proximity, which increases their potential for exposure to COVID-19. If activities/sports are held, please consider the following guidelines:

- Discourage use of shared equipment.
- Sanitize equipment between uses.
- No team sport bottles, have athletes bring their own bottle.
- Social distancing of 6 feet for teams and fans.
- Encourage fans to bring their own seating. Use of bleachers is discouraged.
- Concession stands should be limited to prepackaged food only.
- Hand sanitizer or handwashing facilities should be provided.
- Restrooms should be sanitized every two hours or as frequently as possible.
- Limit event to 50 people or less.



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