



Media Release

Stay inside your circle at Gawley Park Beach!

July 22, 2020 – In an effort to help educate and reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, the Town of Midland is launching a pilot project involving 20-foot diameter circles being installed at Gawley Park Beach, with 10 feet of space between neighbouring circles. The circles are designed to provide physical distancing for those using the beach, with each circle being large enough to host a social bubble of beach users.

“With Little Lake Park Beach closed and Pete Pettersen Park Beach under a lengthy swim advisory, Gawley Park Beach has emerged as a popular destination for those looking for relief during hot summer days.” said Mayor Stewart Strathearn. “The installation of these circles will help provide a safer space for beach users, while also still allowing for residents to enjoy the beach.”

In addition to the distancing circles, large boulders in the Gawley Park area have been relocated to prevent visitors from driving/parking in off limit areas, and additional garbage receptacles have been added to accommodate the increase in activity.

The success of the distancing circles will be monitored and will be considered for other parks and beaches in the near future.

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates on our website at Midland.ca/COVID-19, and we encourage residents to follow our social media channels for updates as well, [@MidlandON](https://twitter.com/MidlandON) on Twitter, and [@townofmidland](https://facebook.com/townofmidland) on Facebook.

For more information on the state of COVID-19 in our area, please contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit their website at simcoemuskokahealth.org.



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