



Media Release

Town to reopen outdoor amenities with restrictions lifted by province

May 21, 2021 – With the province announcing the lifting of restrictions on outdoor amenities and activities yesterday, the Town of Midland is announcing the following changes in effect as of Saturday, May 22, 2021:

Outdoor Amenities Open:

- All outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields, including:
 - Baseball diamonds;
 - Soccer fields;
 - Frisbee golf locations;
 - Tennis* and pickleball courts;
 - Basketball courts; and
 - Skate parks.
 - **Please note that no organized games are allowed.**
- All picnic sites and picnic tables in park and recreation areas.

All users of the amenities listed above must adhere to social distancing guidelines unless they are in the same household. Park bathroom facilities will remain closed.

*Please note - the Tennis Courts in Little Lake Park will remain closed for maintenance.

Outdoor Amenities Currently Open:

- Off-leash dog park;
- Park benches; and
- Playgrounds
 - Please note park benches and playground equipment are not sanitized.

Harbour Services:

- Recreational boating is permitted as of Saturday, May 22, 2021. Boaters must ensure that if a group of persons use the boat/watercraft, that all members of that group are part of the same household, or one other person from outside that household who lives alone or is a care giver for any member of the household.
- Boaters may launch their boats using the Pete Pettersen Boat Launch, however parking at the boat launch is for Midland residents only, and with a valid parking pass, which can be obtained for free at the Midland Harbour Office. Failure to comply could result in a parking ticket of \$80 and having your vehicle towed at your own expense.
- Please note that only one launch is available at this time and there may be significant lineups and delays.

Gatherings



- Organized events and/or social gatherings of up to 5 people from different households is now permitted.

The following remains in effect under the current Stay-at-Home order from the province:

Essential Services – No Impacts

- Policing, Fire and Emergency Services, and Water/Wastewater service are not impacted by these orders.

Appointment-only Services - Municipal Office

- The Municipal Office will continue to offer limited services by appointment-only. For a full list of services available please visit [Midland.ca/COVID-19](https://www.midland.ca/COVID-19).
- Transit cards may be purchased or re-loaded at the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre without an appointment.

Gatherings, Events and Retail

- Outdoor gatherings and events of more than 5 people is prohibited unless all parties are from the same household or one other person from outside that household lives alone or is a caregiver to a member of that household.
- All retail stores permitted to operate must limit the number of people in their store to 25 per cent capacity.

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates on our website at [Midland.ca/COVID-19](https://www.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://www.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](https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).



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