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COVID 19 UPDATE: MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS NOW OPEN

SMITHERS – In accordance with Phase 2 of the Province of British Columbia’s COVID-19 Restart Plan, and based on information provided by the BC Recreation and Parks Association, the Town of Smithers has re-opened all the Municipal Playgrounds, effective Monday, June 1, 2020.

Playground users should avoid large groups and gatherings and be at least two metres away from people from another household. People should wash their hands before and after using the equipment, cover all coughs and sneezes and avoid touching their face. Anyone who is feeling sick or exhibiting any symptoms must stay home.

The Town of Smithers have posted safety guidelines signage around the entrances of the playgrounds. Please follow the “Playground Guidelines”:

- Practice good hygiene (sanitize face, hands, body, etc.) and equipment as appropriate before and after use.
- Hands should be washed for a minimum of 20-30 seconds. Say the ABC’s or sing “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”.
- Keep your distance! Practice physical distancing by staying 2 metres (6 feet) apart.
- Play Safe. Avoid taking unnecessary risk to minimize potential injuries.

Please note, the playground equipment is not being cleaned or disinfected. Bring sanitizer if you have it, wash your hands before and after. Don't visit if you or your kids are sick.

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