

Falls Reserve Conservation Area COVID-19 Public Safety Plan

Company details

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Conservation Authority

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The COVID-19 pandemic is an evolving situation –This Plan will be reviewed regularly and changes made as required. Refer to the Ontario government’s [COVID-19 website](#) and the Huron Perth Public Health website for up-to-date information.

1. How will you ensure all members of the public know how and are able to keep themselves safe from exposure to COVID-19?
 1. We will ensure our procedures are up to date by a daily review of Ministry of Health guidance and Ontario regulations
 2. If changes are made to the safety plan signage and online service will state the changes
 3. Covid 19 acknowledgment will need to be read upon reserving a campsite or visiting the park and staff will educate the public on Covid 19 protocols when necessary
 4. Our Covid 19 safety plan will be posted in conspicuous places around the Conservation Area and campground to inform the public
 5. A notice will be posted on our website that all visitors must do the Ontario Ministry of Health self-assessment for Covid-19, and if they do not pass they should not visit the location
 6. Face covering signs will be posted at all washrooms and at the gate area where lines can form
 7. Physical distancing of at least 2 meters shall be maintained between anybody not living in the same household, whether outdoors or indoors and posted as such
 8. Washrooms and other frequently touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected at least 2 times per day and posted as such

2. How will you screen members of the public for COVID-19?

1. **Anybody entering the Falls Reserve Conservation Area shall self access for any symptoms of Covid 19 including:**
 - fever
 - dry cough
 - tiredness
 - aches and pains
 - sore throat
 - diarrhoea
 - conjunctivitis
 - headache
 - loss of taste or smell
 - a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes
 - difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - chest pain or pressure
 - loss of speech or movement
2. **Members of the public will be required to take the Ontario Ministry of Health self-assessment for Covid-19 before visiting the park**
3. **Anyone who has traveled outside of the country or has been in contact with a known or suspected case of COVID 19 or have household members who has symptoms of COVID 19 must stay home and not enter the Conservation Area, unless they have had a negative test for COVID - 19.**
4. **Signage at the entrance and information online will be made available to advise of the above**

3. How will you control the risk of transmission in the Conservation Area?

1. **Washroom buildings will be “single family occupancy” and posted as such**
2. **Social gathering numbers will be enforced by staff as reasonable**
3. **Washrooms and other frequently touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected at least 2 times per day**
4. **Masks or face coverings are required in all washrooms and anywhere a lineup can form**
5. **Day use areas will be monitored to ensure the number of people in the area can physically distance themselves from others. Day use entry will be stopped when deemed necessary to allow for physical distancing**
6. **Members of the public will not be allowed in any indoor facility other than washrooms**
7. **Overnight camp areas and campgrounds are closed to day use visitors**
8. **Washrooms will be closed to the public during cleaning and disinfection**

4. What will you do if there is a potential case, or suspected exposure to, COVID-19 at the Conservation Area?
 1. All day visitors will provide a name associated with the day use permit being issued
 2. We will work with Public Health agencies to minimize potential exposure

5. How will you manage any new risks caused by changes to the way you operate your business?
 1. We will establish regular check-ins with visitors to ensure they understand the Covid 19 rules we have implemented
 2. Staff will have training to ensure any questions that come up about our operation are answered correctly

6. How will you make sure your plan is working?
 1. Our plan will be reviewed regularly throughout the year to ensure it is keeping up with Public Health recommendations
 2. Adjustments will be made to our plan if we feel certain aspects are not working
 3. Staff will enforce safety protocols to the best of our ability and try to educate the public about the reasons they've been implemented

COVID-19 safety plan – snapshot

This snapshot can be posted in a place where it can be seen easily so your workers, clients and other people entering the workplace will know what actions are being taken.

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Measures we're taking

How we're ensuring the public knows how to keep themselves safe from exposure to COVID-19

- **We will keep up with Public health recommendations and update when changes are made. Visitors to the Conservation Area will need to self screen for Covid 19, and will not visit if showing any symptoms of Covid 19 and/or have been in contact with a person with symptoms and/or have left the Country in the past 2 weeks. Physical distancing will be maintained in the Conservation Area from anyone not in your immediate household, and face coverings will be required indoors and in lines. Staff will educate the public on covid 19 rules and signage will be put in conspicuous areas. Cleaning and disinfection schedules are put in place.**

How we're screening members of the public for COVID-19

- **Anybody entering the Falls Reserve Conservation Area shall self access for any symptoms of Covid 19 and follow any other rules put in place that will be posted at the front of park as well as online.**

How we're controlling the risk of transmission in the Conservation Area

- **Rules for physical distancing, face coverings and gathering limits are put in place and will be enforced by staff to the best of our ability. Washrooms, showers and other frequently touched areas will be closed and disinfected and cleaned at least 2 times per day. Day use areas will be monitored for overcrowding and overnight campground areas will be closed to day visitors.**

What we will do if there is a potential case, or suspected exposure to, COVID-19 at the Conservation Area

- **All visitors will provide a name and contact phone number, so we can maintain a database of all individuals who have entered the Conservation Area. We will work with Public health agencies if we have a potential exposure.**

How we're managing any new risks caused by the changes made to the way we operate our business

- **Staff will be trained, and will be able to educate the public about the policies put into place to answer any questions that may arise.**

How we're making sure our plan is working

- **The plan will be reviewed regularly and updated as needed. Staff will monitor and educate the public to ensure the plan is being followed.**

To review a full detailed Public Safety Plan contact Conservation Area staff