

## Guidance for entities responsible for (e.g. Local Councils) and Users of Outdoor Children Playing Fields

The following obligatory conditions are issued under the Public Health Act Chapter 465 of the Laws of Malta and require strict adherence. Failure to adhere to these conditions will result in enforcement procedures as provided by the Act.

Post signs throughout the playing field (and upload on the respective websites, e.g. local council websites) with information to remind users to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These messages should include information about:

- Staying home if you are sick or do not feel well, and what to do if you're sick or feel ill
- Practicing social distancing and maintaining at least 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the park
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid when crowded and come at another time of day when not so busy
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

Posted signs and information will also need to include the following instructions:

- discouraging groups from gathering in big numbers
- educating users (children and their parents) on how to keep the playing field and the swings clean
- advising parents and/or child minders on how to instruct and help their children or wards to practice social distancing while using the swings (e.g. queuing for the slide)

Prohibit the use of swings that are less than 2 metres apart from each other by for e.g. removing alternate swings or otherwise making alternate swings unfunctional.

Local Council or other agency responsible for the playing field are to provide cleaning and washing services of the playgrounds on at least a daily basis on weekdays and at least twice daily on weekend days and public holidays.

Adequate number of waste disposal bins are to be provided on the playing field grounds. These bins are to be emptied and washed at least twice daily every day or more often on more busy days.

If there are restrooms within or close to the playing fields, administrators are to ensure that they have functional toilets, clean and disinfected surfaces, and adequate handwashing supplies

Administrators are to ensure good maintenance and functionality of CCTV (or other monitoring) systems installed to supervise and record activity on the playing fields