

COVID-19 Transitioning – Obligatory Conditions and Guidelines for Water Fun Parks

These procedures have been formulated for Outdoor and Indoor Fun Parks and Public Outdoor Water Games to ensure rigid compliance in the fields of social distancing, enhanced hygienic practices and the minimisation of COVID-19 infection risks by such establishments and operations re-opening for domestic and foreign tourism use following their closure earlier this year.

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care. Risk of serious illness increases with age, for people with weakened immune systems and people with conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and lung disease.

Mandatory conditions to be observed by Administrators of Parks

- Perspex or tempered glass barriers are to be fitted in the reception areas (2 metres from the floor).
- Hand sanitizers containing at least 70% alcohol must be made available at the reception area and other areas near service providers such as ticket booths, etc.
- staff who are in direct contact with clients are to wear face masks (covering mouth, nose and chin) or visors at all times.
- Temperature recordings of visitors are to be taken prior to admission to the park.
- Make sure people are social distancing and maintaining 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the park.
- Administrators are to monitor the areas where it is likely that people will gather in large numbers, and if required limit the number of people entering the respective areas to ensure social distancing
- Post signs encouraging physical distancing of 2 metres.
- Organized activities should be booked ahead to control the number of people attending the park. Physical distancing must be respected.
- All equipment such as bouncy castles, jet skis, etc. are to be disinfected regularly
- The number of people on a bouncy castle Should be 1 person per 4 square metres unless from the same household.
- Any activities which involve direct contact of people are not allowed, such as the sausage ski, etc, except for same household.
- In indoor areas the number of people should be limited, depending on the size of the area. 1 person per 4 square metre area.
- After each session, the area is disinfected.
- Maintain restrooms that remain open. They are to be cleaned regularly. Ensure they have functional toilets, soap, water and paper towels

Advice to be given to visitors by Administrators of Parks

Park administrators should advise visitors on their respective websites, and have posters and signs displayed throughout the park to frequently remind visitors 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.
- Using social distancing and maintaining at least 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the park.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then throwing the tissue away in a waste container.
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before and after eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Using hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Portable restroom facilities should be equipped with hand hygiene products, including hand sanitizers with at least 70% alcohol. In view that these facilities generally do not have running water, visitors are to be encouraged to bring hand sanitizers.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at least hourly and shared objects each time they are used. For example:
 - Handrails, slides, and structures for climbing or playing
 - Lounge chairs, tabletops, pool noodles, and kickboards
 - Door handles and surfaces of restrooms, handwashing stations, diaper-changing stations, and showers

Water Systems

Taking steps to ensure that all water systems (for example, water play areas) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.

Physical Barriers and Guides

Providing physical cues or guides (for example, lane lines in the water or chairs and tables on the deck) and visual cues (for example, tape on the decks, floors, or sidewalks) and signs to ensure that staff, patrons, and swimmers stay at least 2 metres apart from those they don't live with, both in and out of the water.

Keep park staff informed about COVID-19 and preventive actions.

It is important to keep staff informed about the current COVID-19 situation and necessary precautions to be taken and updates about park policies. Any training regarding wearing of masks, hand washing, cleaning of equipment and other necessary actions is recommended. Prior to commencement of duties, all staff should have their temperature checked. If a staff member is found to be running a temperature, that person is to be sent home and referred for a swab test.

If a staff member develops a fever, cough, loss of sense of smell, diarrhoea or shortness of breath while at work, have them immediately put on a face mask, if not wearing one, isolate them, and send them back home from the park as soon as possible. They are to follow Public Health guidelines for people probably infected with COVID-19 and call 111 to book an appointment for a swab test.

If a staff member has a confirmed COVID-19 infection, inform other staff about their possible exposure to the virus, while maintaining confidentiality as required by GDPR law.

COVID-19 Transitioning – Obligatory Conditions and Guidelines for Water Playgrounds

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Mandatory conditions to be observed by Administrators of Water Playgrounds

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- Hand sanitizers containing at least 70% alcohol must be made available at the reception area and other areas near service providers such ticket booths, etc.
- Staff in contact with clients are to wear face masks (covering mouth, nose and chin) or visors at all times
- Temperature recordings are to be taken prior to admission to the grounds.
- Make sure people are social distancing and maintaining at least 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the park (unless from the same household).
- Administrators are to monitor the areas where it is likely that people will gather in large numbers, and if required limit the number of people entering the respective areas to ensure social distancing
- Post signs encouraging physical distancing of 2 metres.
- Organized activities should be booked ahead to control the number of people attending the park.
- All equipment and play areas, such as bouncy castles, etc. are to be disinfected before and after each group. The number of people on a bouncy castle should be 1 person per 4 square metres unless from the same household.
- Maintain restrooms that remain open. These are to be cleaned regularly. Ensure they have functional toilets soap, water and paper towels.

Advice to be given to visitors by Administrators of Water Playgrounds

Park administrators should advise visitors on their respective websites, and have posters and signs displayed throughout the park to frequently remind visitors 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.
- Using social distancing and maintaining at least 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the park.
- Broadcasting regular announcements about how to stop the spread on PA system.
- Any bars/restaurants in the area should follow the guidelines of such establishments.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then throwing the tissue away in a waste container.
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before and after eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Using hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Portable restroom facilities should be equipped with hand hygiene products, including hand sanitizers with at least 70% alcohol. In view that generally these facilities generally, do not have running water, visitors are to be encouraged to bring hand sanitizers.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at least hourly and shared objects each time they are used. For example:
 - Handrails, slides, and structures for climbing or playing
 - Lounge chairs, tabletops, pool noodles, and kickboards
 - Door handles and surfaces of restrooms, handwashing stations, diaper-changing stations, and showers.

Water Systems

Taking steps to ensure that all water systems (for example, water play areas, decorative fountains) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.

Physical Barriers and Guides

Providing physical cues or guides (for example, lane lines in the water or chairs and tables on the deck) and visual cues (for example, tape on the decks, floors, or sidewalks) and signs to ensure that staff, patrons, and swimmers stay at least 2 metres apart from those they don't live with, both in and out of the water.

Keep your park staff informed about COVID-19 and preventive actions.

It is important to keep staff informed about the current COVID-19 situation and necessary precautions to be taken and updates about park policies. Any training regarding wearing of masks, hand washing, cleaning of equipment and other necessary actions is recommended. Prior to

commencement of duties, all staff should have their temperature checked. If a staff member is found to be running a temperature, that person is to be sent home and referred for a swab test.

If a staff member develops a fever, cough, loss of sense of smell, diarrhoea or shortness of breath while at work, have them immediately put on a face mask, if not wearing one, isolate them, and send them back home from the park as soon as possible. They are to follow Public Health guidelines for people probably infected with COVID-19 and call 111 to book an appointment for a swab test.

If a staff member has a confirmed COVID-19 infection, inform other staff about their possible exposure to the virus, while maintaining confidentiality as required by GDPR law.

COVID-19 Transitioning – Obligatory Conditions and Guidelines for Private Beaches or Other Private Swimming Areas

These procedures have been formulated for both indoor and outdoor private beaches or other private swimming areas, to ensure rigid compliance in the fields of social distancing, enhanced hygienic practices and the minimisation of COVID-19 infection risks by such establishments and operations re-opening for domestic and foreign tourism use following their closure earlier this year.

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Mandatory conditions to be observed by Administrators of private beaches or other private swimming areas

- Perspex or tempered glass barriers are to be fitted in the reception areas (2 metres from the floor).
- Hand sanitizers containing at least 70% alcohol must be made available at the reception area and other areas near service providers such ticket booths, etc.
- Staff in contact with clients are to wear face masks (covering mouth, nose and chin) or visors at all times,
- Temperature recordings are to be taken prior to admission to the grounds.
- Make sure people are social distancing and maintaining at least 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the area.
- Swimmers are to stay 2 metres away from others (“social distancing”). There is no evidence that COVID19 can spread through water.
- Administrators are to monitor the areas where it is likely that people will gather in large numbers, and if required limit the number of people entering the respective areas to ensure social distancing
- Post signs encouraging physical distancing.
- Organized activities should be booked ahead to control the number of people attending the park.
- Any activities which involve direct contact of people are not allowed, such as the sausage ski, etc., except for same household family members.
- All equipment and play areas, such as bouncy castles, jet skis, etc. are to be disinfected after every client/group.

- Maintain restrooms that remain open. These are to be cleaned regularly. Ensure they have functional toilets, soap, water and paper towels .

Advice to be given to visitors by Administrators of private beaches and other private swimming areas

Private beach administrators should advise visitors on their respective websites, and have posters and signs displayed throughout the park to frequently remind visitors 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.
- Using social distancing and maintaining at least 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the park.
- Broadcasting regular announcements about how to stop the spread on PA system.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then throwing the tissue away in a waste container.
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before and after eating, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Using hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Any bars/restaurants in the area should follow the guidelines of such establishments.
- Portable restroom facilities should be equipped with hand hygiene products, including hand sanitizers with at least 70% alcohol. In view that generally these facilities generally, do not have running water, visitors are to be encouraged to bring hand sanitizers.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at least hourly and shared objects each time they are used. For example:
 - Handrails, slides, and structures for climbing or playing
 - Lounge chairs, tabletops, pool noodles, and kickboards
 - Door handles and surfaces of restrooms, handwashing stations, diaper-changing stations, and showers
 - Laundering towels and clothing according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water temperature and dry items completely. Ideally, it is advisable that visitors bring their own towel.

Ventilation systems of indoor spaces.

Refer to the guidelines which can be accessed at the following link:

https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Documents/mitigation-conditions-and-guidances/Guidance_Air-conditioning-and-ventilation-systems_23Jun20.pdf

Shared Objects

Visitors are to bring their own equipment such as snorkels, goggles, etc. People are to be discouraged from sharing items that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect or that are meant to come in contact with the face (for example, goggles, nose clips, and snorkels).

Water Systems

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Physical Barriers and Guides

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Lifeguards and Water Safety

Ensuring that lifeguards who are actively lifeguarding are not also expected to monitor handwashing, use of cloth face coverings, or social distancing of others. Assign this monitoring responsibility to another staff member.

Keep your private beach staff informed about COVID-19 and preventive actions.

Keep park staff informed about COVID-19 and preventive actions.

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If a staff member develops a fever, cough, loss of sense of smell, diarrhoea or shortness of breath while at work, have them immediately put on a face mask, if not wearing one, isolate them, and send them back home from the park as soon as possible. They are to follow Public Health guidelines for people probably infected with COVID-19 and call 111 to book an appointment for a swab test. If a

staff member has a confirmed COVID-19 infection, inform other staff about their possible exposure to the virus, while maintaining confidentiality as required by GDPR law.

COVID-19 Transitioning – Obligatory Conditions and Guidelines for Fun Parks

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illness increases with age, for people with weakened immune systems and people with conditions such as diabetes, heart and lung disease.

Mandatory conditions to be observed by Administrators of Indoor and Outdoor activities at Fun Parks.

- Perspex or tempered glass barriers are to be fitted in the reception areas (2 metres from the floor).
- Hand sanitizers containing at least 70% alcohol must be made available at the reception area and other areas near service providers such as ticket booths, different play areas etc.
- Visitors and staff are to wear face masks (covering mouth, nose and chin) or visors at all times. They should be replaced if they get wet as it will make it difficult to breathe through the mask.
- Temperature recordings are to be taken prior to admission to the grounds.
- Make sure people are social distancing and maintaining at least 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the area.
- Administrators are to monitor the areas where it is likely that people will gather in large numbers, and if required limit the number of people entering the respective areas to ensure social distancing.
- Post signs discouraging groups from gathering in larger numbers than are currently recommended or allowed.
- Organized activities should be booked ahead to control the number of people attending the park.
- All other equipment and play areas are to be disinfected regularly every hour.
- Maintain the restrooms. These are to be cleaned regularly. Ensure they have functional toilets, soap, water and paper towels (refer to link: https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Documents/mitigation-conditions-and-guidances/Obligatory_Conditions_And_Guidelines_For_Outdoor_Restaurants_Pools_Hotels_Accommodation.pdf).
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Advice to be given to visitors by Administrators of Indoor and outdoor activities at Fun Parks

Fun Park administrators should advise visitors on their respective websites, and have posters and signs displayed throughout the park to frequently remind visitors 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.
- Using social distancing and maintaining at least 2 metres between individuals in all areas of the park.
- Broadcasting regular announcements about how to stop the spread on PA system.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then throwing the tissue away in a waste container.
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before and after eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Using hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Any bars/restaurants in the area should follow the guidelines for such establishments which could be accessed at the following link: https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Documents/mitigation-conditions-and-guidances/Obligatory_Conditions_And_Guidelines_For_Outdoor_Restaurants_Pools_Hotels_Accommodation.pdf

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at least hourly and shared objects each time they are used. For example:
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 - Lounge chairs, tabletops.
 - Door handles and surfaces of restrooms, handwashing stations, diaper-changing stations, play stations and toys.

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Water Systems

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Physical Barriers and Guides

Providing physical cues or guides (for example, chairs and tables on the deck) and visual cues (for example, tape on the decks, floors, or sidewalks) and signs to ensure that staff, patrons, stay at least 2 metres apart from those they don't live with.

Communal Spaces

Staggering use of communal spaces (for example, in the water or breakroom), if possible, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects each time they are used.

Shared Objects

Toys are to be dedicated to one family of the same household and are to be disinfected after each session. Sharing is not allowed between different households.

Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact

Designating a staff member to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff should know who this person is and how to contact him or her.

Keep your Fun Park staff informed about COVID-19 and preventive actions.

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If a staff member develops a fever, cough, loss of sense of smell or taste, diarrhoea or shortness of breath while at work, have them immediately put on a face mask, if not wearing one, isolate them, and send them back home from the park as soon as possible. They are to follow Public Health guidelines for people probably infected with COVID-19 and call 111 to book an appointment for a swab test.

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