



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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**Playground Equipment and Tennis Courts to Reopen June 1, 2020**

Powell River, BC – In alignment with Phase Two of the provincial Restart Plan, qathet Regional District playground equipment and tennis courts will open on June 1, 2020.

Vancouver Coastal Health believes that the risk of COVID-19 transmission in outdoor recreation environments is low and that it is possible to safely operate these facilities at this time without additional cleaning protocols. There is no evidence to show that routine disinfecting would decrease the risk of transmission. Use of all equipment will remain at the user's own risk.

Park users are reminded to follow all recommendations and protocols as outlined by health authorities. Signs will be placed around park structures reminding the public of physical distancing and personal hygiene guidelines. The public should plan for shorter visits as some park amenities may not be available.

Please come prepared to provide for your family's personal hygiene, and ensure your children are interacting with the playground structures and other children safely.

Do not visit our parks if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to anyone showing symptoms.

The qathet Regional District is monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will evaluate services in line with Health Services Authority Orders and guidelines. For up-to-date COVID-19 information, please visit [qathet.ca](http://qathet.ca).

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