



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

May 15, 2020

#### RDOS Courts and Washrooms Open | Stay Local and Avoid Non-Essential Travel

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has taken steps to open outdoor tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts, as well as the Skatepark at Keogan Sports Park, and public washroom facilities. Please follow provincial health directives and practice physical distancing. Public playgrounds and indoor courts within the RDOS remain closed until further notice.

On May 14, many BC Parks opened for day use but some park facilities such as washrooms, playgrounds and picnic shelters remain closed. In a video shared on social media, BC Parks staff encourage park users to bring a Clean Trip Kit (hand sanitizer, protective gloves and toilet paper) and to avoid travelling in large groups. BC Parks is reminding park users to stay local to avoid overwhelming smaller communities.

“Many of our smaller communities and rural recreational lakes throughout the Regional District have been inundated with visitors which puts health care professionals, first responders and all citizens at risk,” says RDOS Chair Karla Kozakevich. “Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we’re asking visitors to continue following provincial health directives and temporarily avoid all non-essential travel.” With the influx of visitors, any medical issues due to COVID-19 will also put small rural hospitals and health care facilities over capacity, and unable to serve both visitors and residents.

Together, we can do our part to protect vulnerable people from COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Please check the RDOS and municipal websites for the latest updates on parks, facilities and services.

**BC Parks video:** <https://vimeo.com/416713205/5768e2a85a>

**BC Parks website:** <http://bcparks.ca>

**Stay local, keep your community safe this long weekend:**

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0026-000870>

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Karla Kozakevich, Chair  
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

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