



Town of Kapuskasing  
Donat Brousseau Pool  
Pool Re-Opening Plan  
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## COVID-19 safety measures at the Donat Brousseau Pool

The Town of Kapuskasing – Recreation Department has collaborated with Porcupine Health Unit, and Lifesaving Society to incorporate public health prevention and mitigation measures that help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

### What you can expect

The capacity of the pool has been reduced to allow for adequate physical distancing. The number of swimmers will be set at 25 swimmers during public swims and 6 swimmers at distance swims to ensure physical distancing can be maintained. To accommodate as many swimmers as possible, swims will be scheduled in reduced time sessions with fifteen-minute blocks between sessions to allow staff to manage numbers entering and exiting the facility, and to perform additional cleaning.

We are also requesting that swim times be booked ahead of time by calling the Donat Brousseau Pool at 705-337-4266 or by emailing [pool@kapuskasing.ca](mailto:pool@kapuskasing.ca). Drop-in swimming will be allowed but priority will be given to those who have pre-registered. All individuals who enter the facility must have their contact information recorded (including a first name and telephone number/email address) and be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Once you arrive at the Donat Brousseau Pool, you will notice several changes that have been made to ensure our commitment in keeping everyone safe. This includes:

- Signage at the entrance.
- **Admission screening** for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 of all patrons
- Education that patrons should avoid entering the facility if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Maintaining a minimum **2-meter distance** from one another at all times.
- Entry to the building will be denied to anyone with a risk or symptom from the self-assessment questionnaire.
- All patrons must **sanitize their hands**.
- Everyone entering the facility must **wear a mask** or face covering upon entry. Swimmers may keep their masks on until they enter the pool.
- The Medical Officer of Health under the authority of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act has mandated that a mask be worn by everyone in an indoor public space including the Donat Brousseau Pool. Those who are actively engaging in an athletic or fitness activity including water-based activities are permitted to temporarily remove their masks.
- Plexiglass shields have been installed around the front desk to protect workers and public.
- Swimmers will need to maintain the 2-meter physical distancing rule and follow proper hygiene. Physical distancing will remain in place for all users not living in the same household.
- We encourage swimmers to use goggles however, snorkels will not be permitted.
- Patrons are asked to keep their personal items to

- a minimum.
- Traffic measures will be implemented around the pool; entry and exit will be staggered to eliminate crowding.
- There will be reduced bather capacity for the total number of patrons on deck and in the pool to allow for physical distancing.
- Parents or guardians who are not accompanying their child in the pool for public swims are encouraged to wait outside the facility.
- Lifeguards will be wearing masks while actively guarding on the pool deck, while speaking with patrons and administering first aid.

### **Change rooms**

- All patrons wanting to use the **pool** will need to come to the pool dressed in their bathing suits.
- All patrons will enter the pool area through the change rooms. Select a marked change area, leave outer clothes in the change area.
- Every bather must first take a shower using soap and warm water before entering onto the deck. *This is a regulated expectation for all bathers which also includes public and staff (Guide to Ontario Public Pools Regulation, Reg 565 s.19.15.).*
- Each change room will have a maximum capacity of 8 people. Lifeguards and staff will be monitoring change room capacity.
- After the swim, pool patrons will sanitize their hands and will exit the deck through the change rooms. You may rinse in the shower (no soap or shampoo).
- Change areas will be disinfected before and after each program or activity.
- All patrons are asked to shower at home.

### **Do your part to reduce the spread of the virus**

- Shower at home before going to the pool.
- Wear your bathing suit to the pool.
- Practice personal COVID-19 hygiene – washing or sanitizing your hands, staying home if you are ill and following public health guidelines.
- Bathers shall not share towels, goggles, water bottles, and equipment with the exception of family members.
- Bathers should not spit, cough, urinate or blow their nose in the water.
- Patrons in need of assistance due to physical limitations should receive help from a family member.

## **How to reserve for public swim, distance swim and exercise classes during all phases of reopening**

- Ensure you are free of any symptoms.
- Call the Donat Brousseau Pool at 705-337-4266 to reserve your spot.
- Reservations will only be made one week at a time.
- Payments should be made at time of reservation over the phone using prepaid passes or credit card (exceptions to be made if needed).
- Reservation for the week will start at 9 a.m. on Mondays. (Monday to Sunday)
- You may cancel your reservation 24 hours in advanced if you are not feeling well or unable to keep your commitment.
- No-shows will not be refunded.

### **Distance Swims**

- During Distance Swim times, three lanes will be set up in the pool.
- The maximum number of people will be 2 per lane. Swimmers will be educated on the 2-meter distancing requirements.
- 30-minute lane bookings will be available during each Distance Swims.

### **Public Swim**

- Swimmers should reserve their time and pay by using prepaid passes, visa on the phone or at the front desk prior to arriving.

**PUBLIC SWIM HEIGHT POLICY:** Children under 4ft. or children who have not yet completed SK 4 must be accompanied by a responsible person (age 14 or over) **IN THE WATER** at all times.

The Town of Kapuskasing recommends persons 65 years of age and over or those who are immunocompromised or have underlying health issues not participate in any swimming programs.

## Pool Rentals

- The pool may be rented, if available
- Payment must be made no later than 48 hours following the booking
- Maximum number of swimmers/attendees for a rental is 25 (subject to change)
- Only 8 people/families are allowed in the changeroom (staggered entry)
- Balcony is closed during rentals
- Regular admission policy will apply

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- Please call the pool 705-337-4266 to verify rental availability and review the terms and conditions
- Extra time in the building for birthdays will not be available
- Practice personal COVID-19 hygiene – washing or sanitizing your hands, staying home if you are ill, and following ALL public health guidelines

### At the pool for a rental:

- Ensure all swimmers are free of any symptoms.
- Wear your bathing suit to the pool
- Renter must only arrive **10 minutes ahead** of the scheduled rental
- Swimmers must only arrive **5 minutes ahead** of the scheduled rental
- Wear a mask to enter the building. Keep mask on while changing and only remove once the swimmer is about to go into the pool. Swimmers must bring a container or waterproof bag to store the mask while swimming.
- Every bather must first take a shower using soap and warm water before entering onto the deck
- Stay two meters from other swimmers and staff at all times.
- Toys and swimming equipment are allowed in the pool
- After the swim, pool patrons will immediately put on their mask, sanitize their hands and will exit through the change room. You may rinse in the shower (no soap or shampoo). All patrons are asked to shower when you get home.
- Renters and swimmers must be out of the building within **15 minutes after** the scheduled rental

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## **Red Cross Learn to Swim program**

The Red Cross Learn to Swim program offered in Kapuskasing has been modified to follow the COVID-19 precautions and restrictions. The program has been modified so that physical distancing be maintained.

### **What to expect :**

- Instructors need to maintain physical distancing with swimmers and parent/caregiver.
- Instructors and lifeguards will be wearing masks while actively on-pool deck, while speaking with customers & completing first aid.
- Initial registration will be ONLINE only (date and time on flyer)

**REGISTER ONLINE ~ <https://kapuskasing.maxgalaxycanada.net>**

(You must contact the Donat Brousseau Pool to set up your profile)

- Registrations after (date and time on flyer) can be done online, by phone or in-person at the pool
- Winter and Spring 2021 blocks will offer private lessons only  
Semi private lessons are available with a sibling IF same level or 1 level apart  
**Parented classes** also apply to private/semi lessons

### **Parented classes :**

- **Starfish to SK 4**  
One parent/caregiver (19+) is required to be in the water with each child at all times during the lesson.

As per the Red Cross Swimming & Water Safety program, we will now be conducting parented classes. The parent/caregiver is now accountable to ensure that the child is safe in the water and reduces contact with the instructor. The caregiver must be comfortable in chest deep water and be able to hold the participant as needed as they practice skills.

No other parent or family member is allowed in the building/ viewing area during the child's lesson.

- **SK 5 to SK 10**  
Only one parent may be in the building/viewing area during the child's lesson.

Siblings with back to back lessons will be allowed in the building/viewing area and must remain with the parent.

### **At the pool for lessons:**

- Ensure all swimmers are free of any symptoms.
- Shower at home before going to the pool
- Wear your bathing suit to the pool
- Swimmers must only arrive **5 minutes ahead** of the scheduled lesson
- Wear a mask to enter the building. Keep mask on while changing and only remove once about to go into the pool. Swimmers must bring a container or waterproof bag to store the mask while swimming.
- Check-in with the cashier for your assigned designated area in the changeroom
- Every bather must first take a shower using soap and warm water before entering onto the deck.
- Stay two meters from other swimmers and staff.
- After the swim, pool patrons will immediately put on their mask, sanitize their hands and will exit through the change room. You may rinse in the shower (no soap or shampoo). All patrons are asked to shower when you get home.
- Swimmers must be out of the building within **15 minutes after** the scheduled lesson

### **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

Cleaning and disinfecting high traffic and common use areas has always been a critical element of the safe operation of the Donat Brousseau Pool and under the current set of circumstances this practice will take on an even bigger sense of urgency. The cleaning staff will be cleaning and disinfecting more frequently depending on usage. Surfaces and object in public places will be cleaned and disinfected before each use. Such as high touch surfaces including tables, doorknobs, countertops, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, and sinks. The change rooms, and public washrooms will be disinfected between each scheduled program.

30 minutes of transition time is scheduled between each set of lessons to allow swimmers to exit before next swimmers enter. The staff will clean designated changeroom areas and all equipment used during lessons.