



Town of Kapuskasing
Donat Brousseau Pool
Pool Re-Opening Plan
Version 1.0
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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. Drop-in swimming will be allowed but priority will be given to those who have pre-registered. Everyone who attends a swim time will be required to provide their name and contact information for public health contact tracing if necessary.

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.
- Screening of all patrons and education that patrons should avoid entering the facility if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Maintaining a minimum 2-meter distance from one another.
- 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.
- All patrons must wear a mask or face covering upon entry.
- 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.
- Everyone entering the facility shall wear a mask. Swimmers may keep their cloth face masks on until they enter the pool.
- 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 or in their respective social circle.
- 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.

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.

Additional Pool Rules

- Masks are required when entering the facility but are to be removed prior to entering the water.
- The use of goggles is encouraged to avoid contamination.
- Snorkels will be prohibited from use.
- 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.
- Lifeguards will be wearing masks while actively guarding on the pool deck, while speaking with patrons and administering first aid.

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.
- Stay 2 meters from other swimmers and staff.
- Call the Donat Brousseau Pool at 705-337-4266 to reserve your spot for public swims, distance swims and exercise classes.

How to reserve for public swim, distance swim and exercise classes during PHASE 1 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.

During phase one of the pool reopening, 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.

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 and pool staff will be cleaning and disinfecting more frequently depending on usage. Surfaces and objects 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.

Phase One Pool Schedule September 8th, 2020

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | Public Swim 9:45am to 10:45am | | Public Swim 9:45am to 10:45am | | |
| | Distance Swim 11:00am to 1:00pm | Distance Swim 11:00am to 1:00pm | Distance Swim 11:00am to 1:00pm | Distance Swim 11:00am to 1:00pm | Distance Swim 11:00am to 1:00pm | |
| | Public Swim 1:15pm to 2:15pm | | TOONIE Swim 1:15pm to 2:15pm | | Public Swim 1:15pm to 2:15pm | |
| | Water Exercise 2:30pm to 3:15pm | | Water Exercise 2:30pm to 3:15pm | | Water Exercise 2:30pm to 3:15pm | |
| Public Swim 5:30pm to 6:45pm | | Aquafit 6:30pm to 7:15pm | TOONIE Swim 6:45pm to 8:00pm | Aquafit 6:30pm to 7:15pm | Public Swim 6:30pm to 8:00pm | Public Swim 6:30pm to 8:00pm |
| Distance Swim 7:00pm to 8:00pm | | Distance Swim 7:30pm to 9:00pm | | Distance Swim 7:30pm to 9:00pm | | |