



Town of Boxford

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Boxford, Massachusetts
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Board of Health

Safety Standards for Playgrounds

The Boxford Board of Health provides the following guidance for the use of playgrounds in Boxford. This guidance is based on Massachusetts guidelines accessible at :

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/safety-standards-for-playgrounds-spray-decks-and-outdoor-fitness-areas/download>.

1. No Town employees or staff is charged with the cleaning and sanitation of playground areas and equipment. Cleaning and sanitation are the responsibility of playground users.
2. Playground users will maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from each other or wear a face mask. Parents and guardians are required to ensure children maintain proper distancing and/or the wearing of face masks.
3. Parents and guardians should provide a cleaning agent (such as Lysol or Chlorox sprays) and wipe down equipment used by their children when leaving the playground. Cleaning aids such as paper towels should be placed in a bag, sealed and taken home to dispose in the trash. High touch surfaces requiring cleaning include surfaces made of plastic or metal such as grab bars, railings, tables, and benches.
4. If possible, parents, guardians and children should clean their hands with a hand sanitizer when leaving the playground. Hands should be washed again when arriving home.
5. If a visitor to a playground is determined to have COVID-19, the playground will be closed for at least 24 hours by the Board of Health.
6. All playground visitors shall observe a 'carry in, carry out' policy with trash.

By Order of the Board of Health

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