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**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020

**Topic:** **Playgrounds and COVID-19**

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Last week, the Province noted that playgrounds and other recreational facilities could reopen as of Monday, May 4. However, specific guidelines for playgrounds and play structures have yet to be made available.

**All school playgrounds and play structures will remain closed** in Park West School Division for the indefinite future due to ongoing concerns about transmission of COVID-19. Given the close nature of play on these structures, social or physical distancing cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, play structures have a large number of contact surfaces and they are not cleaned or sanitized on a daily basis.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we implement these safety measures.

Respectfully,  
*Stephen David*