

# LHSC 2020 Season Guidelines For Common Spaces--DRAFT 1

Applicable until June 30, 2020

This document has a first draft of guidelines for safely enjoying and living in our cooperative community. The general goal is to provide guidance for use of our common spaces consistent with the current NY State public health rules and guidelines applicable to the Mid-Hudson Region. It was drafted by a group charged by the LHSC Board to do so.

The LHSC Common Space Committee will revise this guidance as needed and as conditions change. We ask, however, that each iteration of guidance be followed for at least two weeks to allow enough time to learn the effectiveness of any particular guideline or recommendation and to avoid the need for frequent committee meetings.

In this guidance, we use the term “Family Unit” to mean those people who share and live within the same, single bungalow unit while at LHSC. Any families that have two units, at their own discretion, will be considered a Family Unit. In other words, if you normally live, work, eat and interact together, you are a “Family Unit.”

For reference, we are endeavoring to follow the CDC guidelines for maintaining our homes and reopening communities as found in [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#).

## A. OVERVIEW

1. **Face coverings** over the nose and mouth are to be worn in all common, outdoor spaces when a person (age 3 and above) is unable to maintain, or when not maintaining, a social distance of at least 6 feet. Best practice is to have a mask with you at all times when outside your home space (unit and deck) and to use it when it is not possible to maintain 6 feet of distance from anyone outside your Family Unit.
2. For all activities below and in general, we strongly recommend hand washing with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds when returning to your bungalow after being in LHSC commons spaces or off site.
3. **Casino:** Closed until further notice, including the bathrooms.
  - We will consider adding access later in the summer for activities that can be done with safe, social distancing.

## B. GUIDANCE

### 1. Laundry rooms:

- Always wear a face mask inside the laundry room.
- Maximum of two healthy people from a Family Unit inside at one time.
- Cooperators should wash their hands upon entering the laundry room. Cleaning supplies and paper towels are being provided in each laundry room and doors will be kept open during daytime hours to allow entry without need to touch doors any more than necessary.
- We recommend wiping surfaces that you plan to touch before using them, particularly if you have concerns about surface transmission. Generally, washing your hands before use and after use should keep surfaces sufficiently clean. No need to wipe surfaces afterwards if you washed your hands when you enter and leave, and are wearing a mask in the laundry room.
- Wait outside for your turn (following appropriate social distancing rules).
- No folding laundry in the laundry room to minimize contamination risks. Tables will remain inside for short term use only.
- All other normal rules of laundry room use apply. For example, please move or retrieve your clothes promptly. If laundry is left for more than 10-15 minutes after a cycle ends, it can be removed and placed on a table if the machine is needed.
- Good Practice Tip:
  - Approach the laundry room and see if someone is inside. Safely say hello and wait outside for your turn. If empty, make sure your mask is on properly, set your laundry down, wash your hands (optionally wipe surfaces you plan to touch) and then load the machines. Set a timer on your phone to alert you to when the cycle is done. When you come back to move or retrieve your clothes, follow the same protocol.

### 2. Pool:

- To be determined before July 1. The committee is gathering information to inform our recommendations.
- The current CDC guidance on public pools is here: [Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#).
- We are mindful that the CDC guidance says the following about pools (taken from the reopening guidance linked to in the preface above): “There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread directly to humans from water in pools, hot tubs or spas, or water play areas. Proper operation, maintenance, and

disinfection (for example, with chlorine or bromine) of pools, hot tubs or spas, and water playgrounds should kill the virus that causes COVID-19.”

**3. Garden:**

- Gardeners and anyone else entering, exiting and working in the garden must practice the same social distancing rule for the outside, common spaces of the community.
- Garden use should be self-regulated among the garden members, being mindful to avoid crowding and to keep at least 6 feet between those from different Family Units. If gardeners from neighboring plots wish to be in the garden at the same time and can't work at least 6 feet apart, we encourage you to work out the timing amongst yourselves and/or wear masks.

**4. Lakeside**

- We expect three types of lake users: (1) Boaters, (2) open water swimmers, and (3) Sunbathers or others on the dock and recreational swimmers (people who swim in LHSC marked off areas near the dock and the floating dock).
- Boats can be left at the docks as per our past customs. However, to create more dock space, we ask that owners remove any derelict vessels by July 1.
- During low usage times, practice the same social distancing rule for the outside, common spaces of the community and accommodate each other as needed.
- During high usage times, people from different Family Units who are on the dock, floating dock, in the water or at the gazebo area should stay at least 6 feet apart or wear a mask.
  - **We recommend the total capacity at the end of the dock to be about 5-6 people, depending on the Family Unit size or number of individuals who are present, always being mindful to remain 6 feet apart between different groups. The gazebo should accommodate 4-6 people as well.**
  - **Please be mindful to limit your time lakeside, especially at the dock, if others are waiting for sunbathing and recreational swimming.**
  - Please do not bring your dog to the dock during high usage times.
- The walkway from the steps down to the end dock should generally be kept clear of people.
- When boaters and open water swimmers arrive, they should ask for people to move aside for a few moments, launch their boats or

enter the water as quickly as possible and move away from the dock area.

- When boaters and open water swimmers return to the dock, follow the same protocol. Swimmers in particular should be given priority to return to the dock, exit the water and leave the area.
- The benches on the docks will be arranged to generally allow two different Family Units of Sunbathers/recreational swimmers on the dock at one time. Additional Family Units or individuals may join as space permits.
- As always, swimming is at your own risk and people must follow all water safety rules. We suggest only one Family Unit swim at a time, but leave that to be decided amongst those on the dock at the time if people can remain 6 feet apart while in the water.
- For boaters and open water swimmers, we suggest leaving your personal items up at the gazebo or other place out of the way that will give you easy access to them with minimal need disturb the sunbathers/rec swimmers.

## 5. Snake path

- The path will be open in both directions, but only one Family Unit should travel along the path at a time in either direction.
- Groups waiting at the roadside/lakeside of the path should be given the right of way.
- If no one is waiting at the other end, a second Family Unit can follow at a socially safe distance in the same direction.
- Have your mask ready and put it on for unavoidable encounters.

## 6. Outdoor recreation

### A. General

- The **Fields, Basketball Court, Black Top** and other outside spaces are open for solo or Family Unit use. We encourage playing catch, frisbee, kicking around soccer balls for people within a Family Unit but no organized sports or games between those from different Family Units.
- Multiple solos or Family Units should feel free to use spaces that can accommodate such groups while staying at least 6 feet apart, e.g., shooting hoops at different ends of the basketball court.
- For **Play Areas**, we recommend families refrain from using the swings and climbing structures until further notice because we can not assure their cleanliness.

### B. Tennis court

- The courts are open for regular singles and doubles play, while practicing the same social distancing rule for the outside, common spaces of the community
- Opponents can be from different Family Units and should agree on whether each side provides their own balls.
- For doubles play, we suggest members of the same family on the same side, and if not, the doubles partners should wear masks.
- The USTA guidelines/suggestions for tennis: [Tennis Safety COVID-19](#).

## 7. Community Events

- We recommend no potlucks or organized community events such as field day, square dancing, croquette, corn barbeque, field day, pool day, etc.
- Decisions on Labor Day meeting and dance will be made later, including the possibility of holding these events outdoors with proper social distancing.
- Outdoor movies with proper social distancing should be ok.

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