COVID-19 INFORMATION
GUIDANCE FOR DOG PARKS

Overview
To ensure the safety of Albertans, individuals should take precautions when visiting dog parks. Check with your municipality to determine whether or not dogs are allowed to be off-leash in areas where dogs are permitted. Dog park users must comply with gathering restrictions and maintain physical distancing of 2 metres between individuals not from the same household.

COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

| Individual Actions & Precautions | • Those who are sick or have symptoms related to COVID-19 must not use dog parks.  
• Consider leaving dog toys at home.  
• Bring your own dog waste bags.  
• Maintain physical distancing and limit congregating with other people when entering and exiting the dog park and supervising dogs playing (e.g. paths, benches, picnic areas).  
• There is no evidence that dogs carry or transmit COVID-19, but transmission should be prevented between park users.  
• Practise proper hand hygiene for animal handling, including:  
  o Washing your hands frequently,  
  o Refraining from touching your face,  
  o Carrying and using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol content.  
    – immediately before and after touching dogs or disposing of dog waste; and  
    – after touching surfaces in the dog park. |

| Actions & Precautions for Municipalities | • Municipalities should consider ways to increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting high touch areas such as gates and garbage bin handles.  
• Drinking water fountains should be shut off.  
• Consider providing opportunities for hand hygiene as long as staff are available to restock and sanitize touch points regularly.  
• Ensure garbage bins have removable linings. Consider checking these frequently.  
• Signage should be posted to remind users of gathering restrictions and physical distancing requirements. |