



## **CAREFREE COVID19 UPDATE – June 11, 2020:**

Stage 2 of Alberta's relaunch will officially commence Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. It is important that the resort continue to follow the recommendations received from Alberta Health Services (AHS). We know we are all eager to return to normal, but even as the Province resumes some activities, the Board is not yet prepared to return to the full freedoms of Carefree living as prior to the pandemic. We ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate the logistics of preventative measures moving forward while continuing to be cautious in the best interests of the safety of residents and staff.

### **POOLS**

Many of our residents are excited to hear that pools for leisure activity can open. Our contact at AHS has advised this is mainly intended for businesses as part of the economic recovery and has advised the Resort to keep the pool closed until further notice. That said, the Board will be meeting to discuss the associated logistics of meeting the Provinces [Guidelines for Swimming Pools and Whirlpools](#). Sadly, it is not as simple as putting water in the pool and opening the gate. The guidelines include specific requirements and health measures that must be put in place. The Board will need to determine how these will be met in a safe and financially responsible manner. We will be sure to notify residents as soon as possible on the preventative spread measures regarding the reopening of the Carefree pool and changeroom/bathrooms.

### **WASHROOMS/SHOWERS**

The resort cannot yet adequately meet all AHS cleaning requirements. As the province recommends the use of individual residences the Board deems these services non-essential and will **remain closed** as per the "Guidance for Private and Municipal Campgrounds" under "**Cleaning Shared Spaces and Equipment**".

### **WASH HOUSE LAUNDRY**

We will be opening this facility to accommodate long-term residents. Please contact the office to reserve a timeslot for use (2 hr usage). We must allocate 30 minutes for Carefree staff to clean after each use. We encourage lot owners to take laundry home to reduce the AHS cleaning requirements when possible.

### **VISITORS**

AHS continue to indicate "to meet physical distancing requirements, only members of the same household or cohort family should stay together on a campsite". The Board has relaxed some restrictions based on the '[Cohort Family](#)' statement to allow a second camping unit on a lot **ONLY** for **family members** of the lot owner and must be limited to less than 15 occupants on one lot.

### **PLAYGROUNDS - IMPORTANT: NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

We have allowed access to the playgrounds. Use of the playground structures is **solely at the discretion of parent/guardians**. It is recommended that hands are washed prior to using playground structures as well as immediately after. Please allow for social distancing or sharing access time of the structures with other families.

### **Key Reminders:**

- Some facilities remain closed including the office, clubhouse, washrooms/showers, pool, until we receive notice from AHS to open.
- Drop-off and pick-up boxes will be located outside the office for any required forms. Email is preferred or call the office in advance.
- 6-foot distancing from others that are not residents in your unit must be adhered to.
- It is advised not to bring visitors to your lot during these restrictions.
- Social outdoor gatherings are limited to 50 people with social distancing and less than 15 on individual lots.
- Please refrain from approaching Carefree staff. They will not be offended, but appreciative of your consideration for their safety.
- The store will be open; however, some services may not be available.
- Access to beaches will be assessed by AHS closer to the bathing season.

\*You may wish to consider downloading and using the [ABTraceTogether mobile contact tracing app](#) when out in public or off your lot within the resort.

### **PREVENT THE SPREAD**

***We strongly request that if you are showing any symptoms that you notify the Carefree office and return to your primary residence immediately, as rural health services are not equipped to handle an outbreak.***

It is important that everyone continue to take personal steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. With the above-mentioned precautions in place, we look forward to continuing to provide as many operational services as permitted.

### **AHS MONITORING**

AHS has advised they will conduct periodic visits to the Resort to observe COVID precautions. If mass gatherings and physical distancing is not practiced, AHS may escalate to get the facility shut down.” Obviously, this is not a welcomed outcome, but a possibility if some residents chose not to comply with AHS recommendations, thereby impacting all residents.

We encourage you to be kind to others during these difficult times. We would like to thank all owners and family members for your understanding and precautionary efforts to prevent the COVID-19 virus from entering Carefree Resort!

If you have any questions regarding the COVID updates, please send an email to [board@carefreeresort.com](mailto:board@carefreeresort.com). We appreciate your time reading this update.

**Carefree Board & Management**

***Stay Safe -- Stay Healthy – Stay Carefree!***