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Kennywood and Sandcastle Will Open Friday, July 10

Enhanced cleaning and sanitation measures key as parks ready to welcome guests for first time this year

WEST MIFFLIN, PA – Opening Day at Pittsburgh’s premier family fun parks, Kennywood Park and Sandcastle Waterpark, has been delayed twice in this strange summer of 2020. The third time will be the charm: Kennywood and Sandcastle will open to Season Passholders on Friday, July 10, opening to non-Season Passholders able to visit beginning Monday, July 13.

Previous opening dates in early May and on July 7 were delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Both Kennywood and Sandcastle have implemented numerous measures following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and best practices within the amusement and attractions industries.

The most important elements of the Southwestern Pennsylvania parks’ new safety measures include:

- **Limiting Capacity**
- **Pre-Entry Temperature Checks**
- **Face Coverings and Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Social Distancing**
- **Adding Sanitizing Stations**
- **Enhancing Cleaning Measures**
- **Educating Guests & Team Members**

The changes will be apparent even before visiting Kennywood or Sandcastle. The parks will limit capacity not only in the parks, but on each ride, pool, slide, restaurant and building to ensure compliance with recommended social distancing standards. In order to accomplish this, all Guests will need to RSVP for the day they wish to visit, in addition to having a pre-purchased ticket or Season Pass. The parks will only sell tickets and Season Passes online. Walk-up sales will not be available this summer, and all sales by third parties, such as schools and community groups, will be conducted online. All Season Passholders and non-Season Passholders who previously RSVPed for visits on July 10 or later will be able to visit on those dates without making new arrangements. Season Passholders who planned to visit July 7-9 will need to schedule new visits through www.kennywood.com/rsvp or www.sandcastlewaterpark.com/rsvp.

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Both Kennywood and Sandcastle announced a delay of their openings in compliance with Allegheny County's request for voluntary stay-at-home measures from July 3 – 9.

“The health and safety of our Guests and Team Members continues to be our top priority as we work to reopen in this new environment,” said Kennywood Assistant General Manager Rob Henninger. “We strongly believe our plan and its new health and safety measures will allow people to come and enjoy the fun, safe experience we’ve been proud to provide since 1898.”

Kennywood and Sandcastle's sister park, Idlewild & SoakZone, opened to Season Passholders on Tuesday, July 7. Idlewild opens to the general public on Saturday, July 13, with similar health and safety measures in place. For more information on each park's specific plans, please visit the [Kennywood](#), [Idlewild](#) and [Sandcastle](#) websites.

To show appreciation for our patrons' patience and support, all 2020 Season Passes purchased by June 14, 2020 include the 2021 Season as well. Given the disruptions and continuing adaptations this summer, some attractions may not be available on each park's respective opening day, and some may remain closed all this year. Kennywood is open daily through August 25, and open weekends until November 1. Idlewild & SoakZone and Sandcastle are open daily through August 23, with Sandcastle being open on weekends until Labor Day and Idlewild through October 25.

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About Kennywood, Idlewild & SoakZone, Sandcastle Waterpark, and Palace Entertainment:

Kennywood is America's Most Thrilling Historic Landmark! The Pittsburgh-area park, founded in 1898 offers a unique mix of modern thrills and classic rides, including seven roller coasters, a 12-ride Kiddieland, and several attractions that cannot be found anywhere else. **Sandcastle Waterpark** has been providing summer fun for 30 seasons, offering fun for all ages with 15 world-class waterslides, the wild Mon-Tsunami Wave Pool, scenic Mushroom Pool, relaxing Lazy River, and more. **Idlewild & SoakZone**, founded in 1878 as a picnic ground along the Ligonier Valley Rail Road, is the longest-operating amusement park in Pennsylvania and third-oldest in America. It has been recognized as one of the world's best children's park by [Amusement Today](#) magazine.

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