



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

#### **Lifeguards on duty at Johnson's Beach until August 21; Centennial until September 2**

(Barrie, ON) - City of Barrie lifeguards are wrapping up another beach season. The last day guards will be on duty at Johnson's Beach will be Sunday, August 21, and the last day at Centennial Beach will be Friday, September 2. Many lifeguards are post-secondary students who are returning to school.

The buoy lines will remain in the water at both Centennial and Johnson's until after Labour Day weekend and will be removed Wednesday, September 7, weather-permitting.

The PFD loan program was offered for the 2022 beach season and will continue to be offered until guards are off duty. The PFD loan program allows visitors to borrow Personal Floatation Devices for free to help ensure water safety. So far this year, 119 people have participated in the program.

Residents can enjoy the remainder of summer at Barrie's beaches and pools, but are reminded to always practise water safety. There is no substitute for parental supervision. Never underestimate the power of currents, swim with a buddy and get trained in lifesaving skills.

For more water safety tips and information, visit [barrie.ca/beaches](http://barrie.ca/beaches).

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