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No screaming in Japanese amusement parks – 31st May, 2020

Level 0

Japan's amusement parks have new rules on visitors screaming. They will prepare for the "new normal" COVID-19 life. One guideline is no screaming on rollercoasters. Screaming increases the amount of virus in the air. Talking quietly cuts the risk of spreading the virus. Park visitors should not talk loudly or scream on rides.

Japan's amusement parks are reopening. Tokyo Disneyland closed in early March. It does not know when it will reopen. Parks have rules about masks and social distancing. Ghosts in haunted houses should distance from their "victims". Park staff dressed as mascots and superheroes should not shake hands or high-five anyone.

Level 1

Amusement parks in Japan have guidelines on visitors screaming. Japan's government asked companies to prepare for the "new normal" COVID-19 life. One guideline is no screaming on rollercoasters. Scientists say screaming or shouting increases the amount of virus put into the air. Talking quietly lowers the risk of spreading the virus. The new guidelines say visitors should not talk loudly or scream on all rides.

Japan's amusement parks are slowly reopening. Japan ended its coronavirus emergency this week. Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan closed in early March. They have not made a date to reopen. Parks will have rules about masks and social distancing. "Ghosts...in haunted houses should [keep] a healthy distance from their 'victims'". Park staff dressed as mascots and superheroes should not shake hands or high-five anyone.

Level 2

Amusement park operators in Japan released guidelines on visitors screaming in their parks. Japan's government asked companies to prepare for the "new normal" life with COVID-19. Park owners have safety guidelines for life in a coronavirus world. One guideline is no screaming on rollercoasters. Scientists say that singing, screaming or shouting increases the amount of virus an infected person can put into the air. Talking quietly lowers the risk of spreading the virus. The new guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" on all rides.

Japan's amusement parks are slowly reopening. Japan ended its coronavirus emergency earlier this week. Its biggest theme parks, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan, have been closed since early March. They have not set a date to reopen. Other guidelines parks will follow include wearing masks and social distancing. The parks said: "Ghosts...in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their 'victims'". In addition, park staff dressed as mascots and superheroes should not shake hands or high-five anyone.

Level 3

A group of amusement park operators in Japan has released guidelines about visitors screaming in their parks. This is after Japan's government asked companies to prepare for the "new normal" and for life with COVID-19. The guidelines instruct park owners on how to operate safely in our coronavirus world. One of the guidelines is no screaming on rollercoasters or in haunted houses. Scientists have said that using the voice to sing, scream or shout increases the amount of virus that an infected person can put into the air. Staying quiet or talking quietly reduces the risk of spreading the virus. The park guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" on all rides.

Japan's amusement parks are slowly reopening as the coronavirus emergency was lifted earlier this week. The country's biggest theme parks, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan (in Osaka), remain closed. They have been closed since the beginning of March. They have not set a date for reopening. When they do open, they will likely follow the guidelines. Other recommendations include mask wearing and social distancing. One piece of advice stated: "Ghosts lurking in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their 'victims'". In addition, all park staff, including those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should not shake hands or high-five anyone.