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# Crowd applauds lifeguard

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lifeguarding techniques, including checking for a pulse and signs of breath. The lifeguard found a pulse but it was faint and there was no sign of breathing. She then applied a breathing mask and went on to administer CPR. A paramedic arrived and rubbed the boy's sternum.

"Water, saliva and some pink fluid came up, but he was still unresponsive," Ms DeVries said. "I maintained the airway until the paramedic could get the oxygen mask on."

About two minutes after the paramedic arrived, the boy opened his eyes. "We asked him to move his eyes and look

at us but he still did not move. Another two minutes passed, but now he was breathing on his own," Ms DeVries said.

"He closed his eyes again and then quickly opened them. It was as if he woke from a trance. He started to cry. He just kept crying and wailing."

## 600 PEOPLE

Minutes after Kevin was taken away in the ambulance, Ms DeVries said she felt the shock of the ordeal.

"When I got up, I realized the pool was clear and there were about 600 people on the beach staring at me," she said.

"As I walked away, everyone started to clap and cheer. I entered the trailer and let it all out."



**KATHRYN DEVRIES:** Stouffville lifeguard rescued New York City boy from wavepool at Wonderland.

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