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## PRESS RELEASE

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### ***PHASE II – Amendment #2: COVID-19 PARKS REOPENING PLAN***

- For limited active and passive use only, all open space parks are open; Facility exceptions:
  - *Senior Center will remain closed.*
  - *Palmer Park will close at sunset if no approved/permitted organized activity is scheduled.*
  - *Gibson-Bethel Community Center is open:*
    - *School Day Hub Program: Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM*
    - *Fitness Center: Monday - Friday, 6 AM to 8 AM and 6 PM to 9 PM; Saturday, 9 AM to 6 PM*
  - *Murray Park Aquatic Center is open for swim lessons only.*
    - *Open to the public at 25% of rated pool capacity.*
  
- Use of the following amenities in South Miami Parks is prohibited:
  - *Restroom facilities, picnic shelters and gazebos, outdoor and indoor basketball courts, outdoor exercise equipment/gym, playgrounds, splashpads, mechanical attractions.*
  
- Permitted limited passive use entails walking, jogging, cycling, nature walks on trails, quiet enjoyment of the outdoors, or similar activity.
  - *Walking, jogging and nature paths will be one way*
  
- Sports - Small groups (cohorts not more than 10 athletes/staff in total). Adequate spacing—minimum of 1 person per 10 feet. Some sharing of sporting equipment permitted such as kicking a football, hitting a tennis ball. Use hand sanitizers pre, post and during training. Non-contact skills training. No wrestling, holding, binding, tackling or grappling. Full training and competition are prohibited at this time, **except for tennis, racquetball, softball, and baseball.** A permit is required for organized activity in city parks.
  - Volleyball: Non-contact skills training and sessions permitted.
  - Soccer: Non-contact skills training drills—passing, shooting, headers.

- Football: Non-contact skills training—running, passing, kicking, catching drills, resistance training.
  - ~~Basketball: Non-contact skills training—running, ball handling, passing and shooting. No more than 3 players per half-court, each player must have his/her own basketball.~~
  - Swimming: Use of communal pool with limited numbers maintaining social distancing requirements.
  - Tennis: Full training on court, singles and doubles. Organized competition and league play is allowed with a permit.
  - Baseball/Softball: Full training and play are permitted. Organized competition and league play is allowed with a permit. During organized games/league play, all players, coaches and referees are required to wear facial coverings at all times. Bleachers shall not be open to spectators where organized sports team competitions and league play is permitted.
- Organized fitness classes/trainings/activities, etc. in city parks require a permit. Small groups (cohorts not more than 10 students/instructor in total). Adequate spacing, minimum of 1 person per 10 feet. Use hand sanitizers pre, post and during training.
  - No groups of 10 or more will be allowed in parks; smaller groups must maintain social distancing following CDC/Health guidelines;
  - Table games, picnics, rental parties and room reservations are prohibited;
  - Virtual programming continues.
  - City-organized camps permitted at Gibson-Bethel Community Center and Dante Fascell Park (tennis).

**Facial coverings shall be worn, except children under the age of 2, persons who have trouble breathing due to a chronic pre-existing condition, or persons engaged in strenuous physical activity.** City staff or Police may remove individuals or close parks at any time based on concerns of maintaining public health. We are grateful for your support and understanding as we keep the safety of our residents, visitors and staff our top priority.

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