



Parks and Recreation Department

PRESS RELEASE

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PHASE II - Amendment #1: COVID-19 PARKS REOPENING PLAN

As the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise and Miami-Dade continues to lead the state with most confirmed cases and deaths, the City's Parks and Recreation Department is taking steps in an effort to tamp down the fast-spreading virus and protect its participants, their family members and staff.

Starting Monday, July 6, 2020, the Department is temporarily suspending its summer camp program at the Gibson-Bethel Community Center and rolling back the reopening of outdoor basketball courts, public open swim and aqua fitness.

We will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases, hospitalization data, etc. and will consider reopening of these amenities and programs the week of July 27, 2020, if conditions improve.

Phase II: – City following CDC/State/County Health Department Guidelines

- For limited active and passive use only, all open space parks are open from 7 AM to 8:00 PM; Facility exceptions:
 - *Senior Center will remain closed.*
 - *Dog Park reopens Monday, June 8th.*
 - ~~*Gibson-Bethel Community Center reopens June 15th for summer camp only.*~~
 - *Murray Park Aquatic Center reopens June 15th for swim lessons only under strict guidelines.*
 - ~~*open to the public at 25% of rated pool capacity*~~
- Use of the following amenities is prohibited:
 - *Restroom facilities (Fuchs & Marshall Williamson), outdoor basketball facilities, recreation buildings, picnic shelters and gazebos, outdoor exercise equipment/gym, playgrounds, bike racks, splashpads, mechanical attractions, concessions, and all sports field lighting will remain off.*
- 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. Non-contact skills training. Use hand sanitizers pre, post and during training. Full training and competition are prohibited at this time. No wrestling, holding, binding, tackling or grappling. A permit is required for organized activity in city parks.
 - Volleyball: Non-contact skills training and sessions permitted.
 - Tennis: Full training on court, singles and doubles.
 - Baseball/Softball: Full training with small numbers.
 - 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.~~

- 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 summer 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. Phase 3 will be available at a later date and shared on the [City's website](#) and our [Facebook page](#). 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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