



# Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

## MPRB COVID-19 Response & Planning

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Park Use and Access Update

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## Strategies, Responses and Partnerships during COVID-19

- **MPRB actively monitors and responds to COVID-19 in partnership with and guidance from:**
  - Minnesota Department of Health, which is leading statewide response to COVID-19
  - Minneapolis Health Department
  - Minneapolis Office of Emergency Management
- **MPRB develops strategies and works collaboratively with local partners:**
  - State of Minnesota
    - Department of Health
    - Department of Public Safety
  - Minneapolis Public Schools
    - Director – Emergency Management, Safety & Security
    - Executive Director – Transportation
  - City of Minneapolis
    - Mayor's Office
    - Health Department
    - Office of Emergency Management
    - City Coordinator's Office
    - Public Works Department
    - Minneapolis Police Department
    - Communications Department
  - Hennepin County
    - County Board
    - Sheriff's Office
    - Office to End Homelessness
  - City of Saint Paul
    - Park and Recreation Department



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## Parkway Closures to Allow for Pedestrian Social Distancing

- **21 Lane Miles** – of MPRB parkways and roads closed to vehicles and open to pedestrians, creating 36 additional acres for pedestrian social distancing
- **Partnerships** – with City of Minneapolis and City of St. Paul for coordinated closures; both cities have additional miles of city closures
- **Access** – to residential buildings, emergency vehicles, service, delivery and sanitation vehicles maintained

<u>Parkway/Road</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>	<u>Date to Reopen</u>
Main Street SE / West River Parkway	3/27/2020	5/4/2020
Lake Harriet Parkway	3/27/2020	4/27/2020
Lake Nokomis Parkway	3/31/2020	5/4/2020
West River Parkway extension	4/4/2020	5/4/2020
Lake of the Isles Parkway	4/4/2020	5/4/2020
Cedar Lake Parkway	4/4/2020	5/4/2020
East Bde Maka Ska Parkway	4/10/2020	5/4/2020
West Bde Maka Ska Parkway	4/20/2020	5/4/2020
East River Parkway	4/21/2020	5/4/2020



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## Social Distancing Park Sign Summary

- **Almost 2,700 signs** -- produced and distributed 3/23 to 4/17
- **Multi-Language Outreach** – Spanish, Somali, Hmong

<u>Sign</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Distribution Date</u>
Neighborhood /Regional Park Multi-language Social Distancing Yard Signs	300	3/31/2020
Playground “Play at Your Own Risk” Signs - English	250	4/2/2020
Athletic Field / Court “No Team Sports” - English	200	4/3/2020
Playground Signs “Play at Your Own Risk” – Multi-language	120	4/3/2020
Athletic Field / Court “No Team Sports” – Multi-language	200	4/4/2020
Parkway Closure Use Signs on Barricades	120	4/7/2020
Basketball “Do your part” Sign - English	150	4/9/2020
Playground “Do your part” Sign - English	250	4/9/2020
Tennis Court “Do your part” Sign - English	102	4/9/2020
Basketball “Do your part” Sign – Multi-language	150	4/15/2020
Playground “Do your part” Signs – Multi-language	120	4/15/2020
Parkway Closure Use Yard Signs	200	4/17/2020
Parkway Closure Use - shared car lane	20	4/17/2020



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## Mpls Health Department Recommendations to Date for MPRB

- **Adopt and Promote** – guidelines reinforcing CDC recommendation of at least six feet between people
- **Discourage or Prohibit** – games (football, basketball, etc.) that intrinsically result in close contact
- **Promote MHD Guidelines** – received April 3 that distinguish between allowable and unallowable activities
- **Actions** – launched social distancing signs April 2-4; launched “do your part” campaign April 9; received MHD recommendation to remove basketball hoops April 10; launched ambassadors April 11; ongoing outreach, education

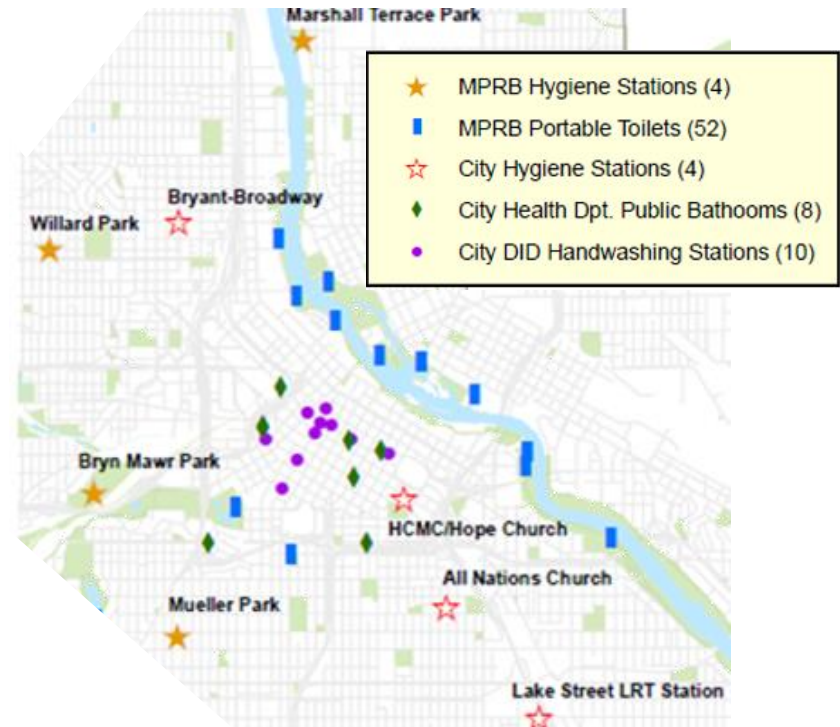
Activity	Safe and Allowed	Not Allowed
Basketball	Shooting hoops alone, or with others of same household	Playing basketball games or shooting with other people
Tennis	Playing tennis with one person on opposite sides of net	Playing “doubles” or hitting with more than one person on each side of the net
Golf	Players should stand with at least 6 feet of separation at all times	Riding with others in a golf cart; walking or standing closer than 6 feet apart
Field sports (football, soccer, frisbee)	Kicking or throwing balls and frisbees with minimum of 6 feet between people	Playing a football, soccer or Ultimate Frisbee game; practicing tackles or guarding
Softball/Baseball	Hitting, pitching or fielding balls with at least 6 feet between players	Playing a game, running bases, any contact
Playground equipment	One family (children living in the same household) using structure at time for a limited time (e.g., 15 minutes) to give others a turn; wash hands or use disinfectant wipes or hand sanitizer immediately after use	More than one household of children using the equipment at a time
Biking	Biking with at least six feet of distance between riders	Congregating with other bikers
Walking and running	Six feet of separation between people. If crowded, go elsewhere	Passing others closer than 6 feet
Benches	Sitting alone or with people who live in your household	Sitting with anyone not a member of your immediate household
Picnics and BBQs	Having a picnic or BBQ with up to 10 people who live in your household	Gathering with more than 10 people (even members of same household); gatherings with people not of same household
Hammocks	Hammocking one person per hammock that is at least 6 feet apart from others	Hammocking with more than one person per hammock; hammocks closer than 6 feet apart



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## Hygiene Stations for People Experiencing Homelessness in Parks

- **Leaders and Experts** – at City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Non-Profit Agencies leading way
- **Ongoing Unified Local Response** – has included public health outreach, alternative accommodations in hotels, additional funding for shelter providers, a new collaborative safe space, hygiene access
- **4 Park Locations** – selected to fill gaps in services already provided by local agencies and experts serving people experiencing homelessness and housing instability, in parks known to be near perennial encampments
  - Bryn Mawr Meadows
  - Mueller
  - Marshall Terrace
  - Willard
- **MPRB Restroom Buildings** – small buildings with indoor plumbing, running water
- **Access** – 8 am to 8 pm daily starting Friday, April 24





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## Events and Permits

### ▪ MPRB Community Events

- Earth Day Multi-Site Collection Event (April) – Cancelled
  - Created DIY activities and a Social Media campaign as a replacement
- Juneteenth Event (June) – Cancelled
  - Working with Juneteenth Community Board on supplemental Virtual options
- Red, White, and Boom 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event (July) – Cancelled
  - Considering opportunities to provide self-guided activities
- Neighborhood park summer events – Cancelled
  - Corn roasts, ice cream socials, etc.

### ▪ Permitted Events

- Looking 60 days out and determining cancellations or rescheduling of:
  - Special Event Permits
  - Wedding Ceremony and Reception Permits



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## Certified Full and Part Time Recreation Staff Summary

- **128 FT and 34 PT Certified Recreation Division Employees**
- **Aquatics, Ice Arenas and Athletic Programs**
  - Jobs: Athletic Program Specialist, Program Lead, Lifeguard, Recreation Volunteer Coordinator, Ice Resurface Driver, management and administrative staff
- **Golf**
  - Jobs: Golf Course Specialist, Golf Maintenance Foreman, management and administrative staff
- **Recreation Centers**
  - Jobs: Recreation Specialist, Youth Program Specialist, Park/School Campus Coordinator, management and administrative staff
- **Youth Development**
  - Jobs: Child Care Worker, Child Development Supervisor, Teen Teamworks Program Coordinator, Therapeutic Recreation & Inclusion Coordinator, Youth Development Supervisor, Youth Engagement Coordinator, Youth Program Specialist, management and administrative staff





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## Current Certified & Appointed Staff Summary

### ■ 611 certified and appointed employees

- 587 certified employees
- 24 appointed employees

### ■ Race and ethnicity of certified/appointed employees

- American Indian 2 %
- Asian 4 %
- Black 13 %
- Hispanic 4 %
- White 75 %
- Two or more races 2 %

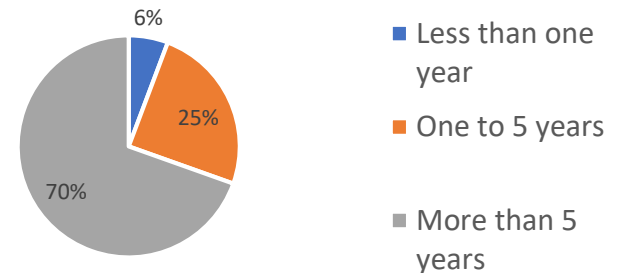
### ■ Age of certified employees

- Age 14 – 19 0 %
- Age 20 – 29 12 %
- Age 30 -- 49 52 %
- Age 50 -- 91 36 %

### Zip Codes of certified employees

- Minneapolis 35 %
- Other 65 %

### Years of Employment of Certified and Appointed Employees





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## Critical Sector Work Assignments for FT/PT Certified Program Staff

- **Ambassador Program:** perform critical sector work monitoring park assets and keeping park patrons engaging in recreation opportunities at safe social distances
  - Approximately 150 certified staff from Recreation, Customer Service, Park Police and Community Outreach
  - Program began April 11, with staff in parks Noon-6:30 (when above 40 degrees)
  - Staff visit over 50 sites daily and enter data into database via mobile phones
  - April 16-19 data
    - More than 565 site reports submitted: observations suggest 80% of people practicing good social distancing behaviors; top social distancing was at tennis courts at 88%; lowest was basketball courts at 72%
  - 4% of site reports noted need for maintenance, 5.5% said more ambassadors needed and 2% asked for additional park police
  - Busiest sites were Farview, Kenwood, Mill Ruins/Stone Arch, Minnehaha Falls, North Commons
  - Sites with largest number of people visiting were Harriet, Lake Nokomis, Minnehaha Falls, and Bde Maka Ska



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## Critical Sector Work Assignments for Certified Program Staff - continued

- **Golf:** Gross, Columbia and Meadowbrook opened Saturday April 18; Hiawatha and Wirth 18 opened Tuesday April 21
  - 1163 rounds of golf booked April 18-19; revenue \$72,052
  - No contact point of sales
  - Golf is walking only
  
- **Rec Plus:** Summer program survey to current registered parents netted 500+ responses
  - Modified program following CDC and MN Dept. Health Child Care Best Practices providing social distancing
  - Program based on 340 children at 13 sites with increased staff-to-child ratios
  - Cost: \$40 per child per day
  - Child Care Specialists and other Recreation Division certified staff provide program leadership
  - Fall planning is underway to include free site at Harrison
  
- **Modified Programming:** All registration for Summer programs on hold
  - A MPRB cross functional team reviews their programs to decide:
    - Can it be offered safely in any form? If not it is being cancelled
    - Can it be re-tooled for virtual delivery
    - Can adjustments be made for in person delivery using social distancing techniques
  - Standard criteria for new Modified Programs is being developed and implemented



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## Current Provisional Code 8 Employee Summary

### ■ Race and ethnicity of provisional employees

• American Indian	1 %
• Asian	4 %
• Black	35 %
• Hispanic	6 %
• White	51 %
• Not specified	2 %
• Two or more races	2 %

### ■ Age of provisional employees

• Age 14 – 19	21 %
• Age 20 – 29	36 %
• Age 30 -- 49	24 %
• Age 50 -- 91	19 %

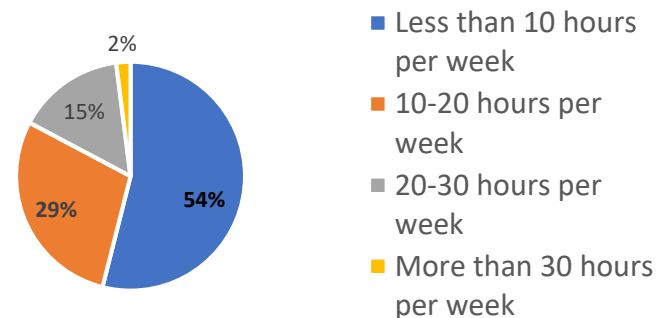
### ■ Activities over the last 6 months

• Rec Center Attendants	41%
• Rec Center Programs	21%
• Rec Plus	14%
• Environmental Programs	7%
• Aquatics	5%
• Ice Arenas	5%
• Various Activities	7%

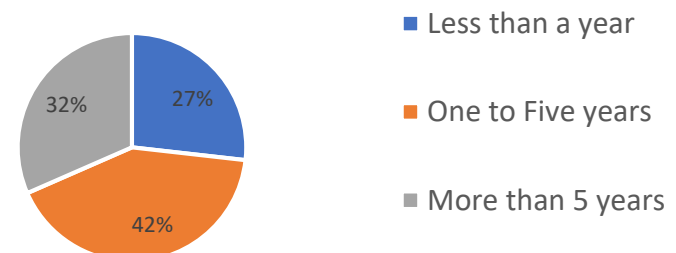
### Zip Codes of provisional employees

• Minneapolis	71%
• Other	29%

### Hours Worked in Past Six Months



### Years of Employment of Provisional Employees





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## Regular Duties Provisional Code 8 Program Staff

### ▪ Recreation Centers

- Jobs: Pre School instructors, After School program instructors/aids, Gym attendants, Computer Lab attendants, Art and Fitness instructors, Warming Room attendant, Nite Owlz Program, Rec Plus Assistants
- Typical Duties: Answer phones in rec centers if FT staff is busy or gone, Process rec center rentals/payments/program registrations if FT staff is gone, Outdoor supervision during warmer months

### ▪ Youth development

- Jobs: Administrative support, program support, community outreach, childcare
- Typical Duties: Program support, youth engagement, outreach, school aged childcare

### ▪ Ice Arenas

- Jobs: PT Customer Service Reps, Zamboni Drivers
- Typical Duties: provide customer service, room and ice reservations, data management, ice resurfacing, skate sharpening, cleaning/maintenance of facilities, enforce rules of facilities

### ▪ Aquatics

- Jobs: Lifeguard, Front desk, Swim Instructors
- Typical Duties: guard beaches and pools, provide swimming instruction, train athletes, programming, provide rescue when needed, general maintenance, reporting/data entry

### ▪ Environmental Management and Other

- Jobs: Specialist, Program Aide, Gardner, Maintenance Worker, Water Quality Support, Youth Worker, Administrative Assistant, Mobile Equipment Operator, Attendant
- Typical Duties: Assist with programs, planting and weeding, general maintenance, water testing, administrative support, aquatic plant harvesting