MPRB COVID-19 Response & Planning
April 22, 2020
Park Use and Access Update

Al Bangoura, Superintendent
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
  - City of Minneapolis
    - Mayor’s Office
    - Health Department
    - Office of Emergency Management
    - City Coordinator’s Office
    - Public Works Department
    - Minneapolis Police Department
    - Communications Department
  - Minneapolis Public Schools
    - Director – Emergency Management, Safety & Security
    - Executive Director – Transportation
  - Hennepin County
    - County Board
    - Sheriff’s Office
    - Office to End Homelessness
  - City of Saint Paul
    - Park and Recreation Department
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

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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

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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

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<td>Shooting hoops alone, or with others of same household</td>
<td>Playing basketball games or shooting with other people</td>
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<td>Tennis</td>
<td>Playing tennis with one person on opposite sides of net</td>
<td>Playing “doubles” or hitting with more than one person on each side of the net</td>
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<td>Golf</td>
<td>Players should stand with at least 6 feet of separation at all times</td>
<td>Riding with others in a golf cart; walking or standing closer than 6 feet apart</td>
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<td>Field sports (football, soccer, frisbee)</td>
<td>Kicking or throwing balls and frisbees with minimum of 6 feet between people</td>
<td>Playing a football, soccer or Ultimate Frisbee game; practicing tackles or guarding</td>
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<td>Softball/Baseball</td>
<td>Hitting, pitching or fielding balls with at least 6 feet between players</td>
<td>Playing a game, running bases, any contact</td>
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<td>Playground equipment</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>More than one household of children using the equipment at a time</td>
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<td>Biking</td>
<td>Biking with at least six feet of distance between riders</td>
<td>Congregating with other bikers</td>
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<td>Walking and running</td>
<td>Six feet of separation between people. If crowded, go elsewhere</td>
<td>Passing others closer than 6 feet</td>
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<td>Benches</td>
<td>Sitting alone or with people who live in your household</td>
<td>Sitting with anyone not a member of your immediate household</td>
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<td>Picnics and BBQs</td>
<td>Having a picnic or BBQ with up to 10 people who live in your household</td>
<td>Gathering with more than 10 people (even members of same household); gatherings with people not of same household</td>
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<td>Hammocks</td>
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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
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 4th 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
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
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
- Less than one year: 6%
- One to 5 years: 25%
- More than 5 years: 70%
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
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 retooled 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
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**
  - Less than 10 hours per week: 2%
  - 10-20 hours per week: 54%
  - 20-30 hours per week: 29%
  - More than 30 hours per week: 15%

- **Years of Employment of Provisional Employees**
  - Less than a year: 32%
  - One to Five years: 27%
  - More than 5 years: 42%
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