



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

MPRB COVID-19 Response & Planning June 3, 2020

Al Bangoura, Superintendent



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Preparedness Plan

We have developed a Prepared Plan that aligns with the Governor's Executive Order 20-56.

- Staff who can work remotely will continue to do so.
- Staff will return to their work space slowly.
- Once staff return to their workspaces, social distancing and other safety recommendations will be followed.
- Staff will be given ample notice before they return to their work spaces.



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Reopening of park amenities

- All previously closed amenities have reopened, including:
 - Basketball courts – approximately 100 basketball courts across the park system
 - Play areas – 118 play areas located throughout park system
 - Skateparks – six skateparks
 - Sport fields – almost 400 multipurpose fields for soccer, football, baseball and softball
 - Tennis courts – more than 120 tennis courts across the park system
- New multi-language signs have been produced and are being installed at the above amenities. The signs remind guests:
 - To practice social distancing
 - No more than 10 people per amenity
 - No team sports



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Hygiene Stations

- Locations in standalone bathroom buildings
 - Marshall Terrace, Willard, Bryn Mawr Meadow, Mueller
 - Open 8 am-8 pm; cleaned 2-3 times per day, depending on use
 - Cost: \$840 per week/\$3,359 per month for 4 sites
 - (Staff time x 7 days x twice per day)
- NEW - Portable restrooms with handwashing sinks
 - Whittier Park and Franklin Steele Square have restrooms, handwashing sinks backordered, working with vendor to procure
 - Total Cost: \$942 per week/\$3,768 per month
 - Cost per Site: \$471 per week/\$1,884 per month
- City-funded portable restrooms with handwashing sinks
 - Peavey Park, Logan Park, The Mall; exploring 28th Street location



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Parkway Vendor Selection and Duration of Closures to Vehicles

- Parkway closures to provide pedestrians with additional space to social distance continue
 - Minor changes to East River Parkway, where the section between Fulton Street and Franklin Avenue has reopened to vehicle traffic.
- Funding limits established by the Board of Commissioners are anticipated to allow closures to remain in place until late June.
- Staff is bidding a continuation of closures, bids are due today, June 3.
- Depending on bid results, the closures may be able to continue beyond the end of June.



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MPRB COVID-19 Recreation Update June 3, 2020

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New Recreation Provisions

- As a result of the Governor's current Executive Order several more recreation opportunities are now available in the following areas:
 - Golf
 - Aquatics
 - Ice Arena
 - Athletic Field permits



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Golf

- Club houses can now be open to public/less than 10 people
 - Public restrooms are available
- Golf can now operate grab-and-go style concessions
- Beer and wine can be sold and consumed on the courses again
- 2 occupants in a golf cart if from same households
- To assure social distancing, we've moved from 8 minute intervals to 10 minute average intervals



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Aquatics

- Beaches will be open to allow for relief from hot weather but will not have Lifeguard services
- Signs will be posted in multiple languages to inform the public
- Sunbathing and congregating is not recommended
- Open swim
 - June 09-August 30
 - Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30am-11:30am
 - Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm-7:30pm
 - Lake Nokomis
- Sailing program is operating at Lake Harriet
- Sand will be groomed



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Athletics

- Athletic field permits are being accepted but must be accompanied by a social distancing plan for participants before approval
- Plans must include detail of how they will meet the guidelines by the Governor's office:
 - Following social distancing.
 - Masking when appropriate.
 - Encouraging and enforcing norms of health etiquette.
 - Promoting health checks and screening of participants and staff/volunteers.
 - Enforcing stay-at-home when sick expectations.
 - Ensuring policies are considerate of staff, volunteers, and participants at highest risk of complications.



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Fun on the Run

- Portable roving recreation program engaging youth and teens in fun activities
 - 1-4 pm starting June 15
 - Drop-in, no registration, free programming
 - Three parks each day, Monday through Thursday, through summer
 - Parks throughout the city
- Activities and Experiences
 - Disc Golf, Soccer drills, Lawn Bowling, Badminton, Agility Challenges, Fly Ball, Potato Sack Races, Football Punt, Pass and Kick, Spike Ball, Jump Rope, Corn Hole etc.
 - 60 minute sessions
 - All activities done with social distancing and continuous sanitation of equipment



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Parade Ice Arena

- Daily figure skating (Pro's Ice)
 - 10 skaters/ 2 coaches
 - 60 minute sessions
- Open Skate
 - Wednesdays and Fridays
 - No free style, jumps, spins
 - Max skaters – 30
- Hockey Instruction
 - 20 skaters or less including coaches
 - 60 minute sessions
- To control movement in the facility participants must
 - Dress before they come
 - Enter building 10 minutes before practice and leave 10 minutes after practice
 - No spectators inside building
 - Designated enter/exit doors



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RecPlus

- As predicted, due to both COVID- 19 related circumstances and civil unrest related uncertainty, RecPlus registration has fluctuated.

Armatage

Kenwood

Hia Sch Park

Matthews

Webber

McRae

Keewaydin

Fuller

Nokomis

Waite

Audubon

Northeast

Harrison



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Social Distancing/Virtual Programs

- June 8th marks the programmatic start to summer
- Ongoing and intentional development of program with special attention toward the Critical Program Pillars
 - Cycling
 - Nature
 - Community Gardening
 - Youth Employment
 - 55 + Programs



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Thank you

Questions?