MPRB COVID-19 Response & Planning
June 3, 2020

Al Bangoura, Superintendent
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.
Reopening of park amenities

• All previously closed amenities have reopened, including:
  o Basketball courts – approximately 100 basketball courts across the park system
  o Play areas – 118 play areas located throughout park system
  o Skateparks – six skateparks
  o Sport fields – almost 400 multipurpose fields for soccer, football, baseball and softball
  o 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:
  o To practice social distancing
  o No more than 10 people per amenity
  o No team sports
Hygiene Stations

• Locations in standalone bathroom buildings
  o Marshall Terrace, Willard, Bryn Mawr Meadow, Mueller
  o Open 8 am-8 pm; cleaned 2-3 times per day, depending on use
  o 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
  o Whittier Park and Franklin Steele Square have restrooms, handwashing sinks backordered, working with vendor to procure
  o Total Cost: $942 per week/$3,768 per month
  o Cost per Site: $471 per week/$1,884 per month
• City-funded portable restrooms with handwashing sinks
  o Peavey Park, Logan Park, The Mall; exploring 28th Street location
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.
MPRB COVID-19 Recreation Update
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Tyrize Cox, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation
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
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
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
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.
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
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
RecPlus

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

Armatage          McRae          Waite
Kenwood           Keewaydin     Audubon
Hia Sch Park      Fuller         Northeast
Matthews          Nokomis       Harrison
Webber
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
Thank you

Questions?