Opening Municipal Park & Recreation Summer Programs & Facilities and Planning for the Return to Play

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CRPA’s mission is to support the recreation and park profession and steward the future of public parks and recreational opportunities in Connecticut in order to promote active lifestyles, livable communities, and quality of life for all who call Connecticut home.

- 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization
- Over 760 Members
- 131 Municipalities
COVID-19 Resource Page:
http://crpa.com/resources/covid19

CRPA is actively monitoring developments around coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and how it is impacting parks and recreation departments across the state. This webpage will contain the most up-to-date information from public health organizations and federal and state government.

**SPORTS: RETURN TO PLAY**
- Executive Order 77 (11) - sports no shared balls, social gatherings increased to 10 indoor and 25 outdoor
- Executive Order 76 (8) - social gatherings to 15
- Executive Order 75 (65) - social gatherings to 15
d- Executive Order 74 (63) - social gatherings to 5 extended
- Executive Order 73 (62) - indoor fitness closure, social gatherings to 5 extended, camp, operations and health procedures
- Executive Order 72 - closure of indoor sports and recreation facilities
    - CDC: Youth Sports Considerations
    - Playing Tennis Safety Guidelines for Players and Facilities - April 22, 2020
    - USAPA Return to Play Guidance
    - National Federation of State High School Associations - Return to Play
    - Little League COVID Guidance
    - Aspen Institute Return to Play

**FACILITY RESOURCES**
- CDC: COVID-19 Guidance for Businesses and Workplaces - overview
- CDC: Workplaces During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- CDC: Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
Visitors to Connecticut's beaches and lakefront swim areas will experience reduced access this season because of COVID-19 precautions. This website provides information on the status of swimming areas throughout the state to help you plan ahead. Please note that information is updated frequently but may not reflect all daily capacity closures, so it's best to check local sources of information to confirm whether a location is open on a given day.

Things to Consider Before You Go
- If you are not feeling well, stay home.
- If you are at risk for complications of COVID-19 because of underlying health conditions or other risk factors, please consider foregoing visiting these areas, or make sure you are visiting at times less crowded, such as weeknights.

https://portal.ct.gov/whatsopenoutdoors
Working with DPH:
Outdoor and Indoor Pools

- Opening June 17th - Phase 2
- State/National Entities Slow to Release Guidelines
- Safely Training Guards
- Securing New Equipment
- Capacity and Social Distancing Protocol
- Showers and Sanitization
- DPH Circular Letter to LPHD - Coming Soon
  1. 50% Capacity of Load Limit in Water
  2. 3 Foot Walking Path
  3. Measure Socially Distant Spaces per Family
Working with OEC:
Municipal Camps - Essential Child Care

- Opening June 22\textsuperscript{nd} - Phase 2
- Executive Order 7Q - 10/30 Rule
- Executive Order 7PP - Adds Municipalities
- Executive Order 7VV - Increased to 50
- OEC Memo 6
- OEC Memo 15
- OEC Memo 18
- OEC Letter to Municipal Officials
Working with DECD:
Return to Play - Youth and Adult Sports

- Opening June 17th - Phase 2
- [DECD Sector Rules for Sports, Sports Clubs & Complexes, Gyms, Fitness Centers, & Pools](#)
- Requested Immunity from Liability for the Recreational Use of Land
- Outdoor Capacity: Event Field Limited to 2 Teams, Officials, & Limited Family Members
- Indoor Capacity: the Lesser of 50% or 25 People + 1 Parent/Guardian per Athlete
- Exemptions for Social Distancing & Facemask Use While Actively Performing
- Sports are Categorized into High, Moderate & Low Risk – with Limits on High
South Windsor Parks & Recreation: Ray Favreau, CPRP, Director

REOPENING OBJECTIVES:

• Within Current Boundaries Deliver Much Needed Safe & Healthy Outlets to Socialize & Recreate
• Research Best Practices and Protocol and Make Necessary Modifications to Programs and Services to Keep our Residents as Safe as Possible
• Ingenuity - Turn Difficult Situation into Opportunity
• Customer Surveys to Gauge Need, Interest, Comfort Level
• Evaluate the Financial Feasibility of Program Operations
• Preserve Summer Seasonal Staff to the Greatest Degree Possible
• Help Stimulate the Local Economy

South Windsor Parks & Rec. Facebook - “Recreation Inspiration”
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EXAMPLES:
• Summer Camps - Modified With Limited Enrollment
• Concert Series - Running as Scheduled Via “Live” Streaming
• Virtual Programs-“Recreation Inspiration”
• Friday Flicks - Running as Scheduled Modified to Drive-In Movies
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• ATHLETIC FIELDS: Predominant Users Independent Local Non-Profit Sports Organizations
  1. Mandatory Re-organizational Meeting via Zoom
  2. Modified Permits to Reflect Required Compliance to Current Guidelines per E.O.
  3. Disparity Between High Risk and Moderate & Lower Risk Sports
  4. Make Necessary Adjustment to Season & Scheduling
  5. Phased-in Start - Some Delays Expected to Prepare Fields for Safe Play

• OUTDOOR AQUATICS:
  1. Opening Depends on DPH Guidelines for Phase II Opening
  2. Capacity Limits Could Impact Opening
  3. Swim Team & Swim Lessons will Abide by Youth Sports Guidelines
CAMPS:
- OEC Review: Permits & Regulations
- New Protocols for Staff, Children & Parents/Guardians
- Refunds
- Working With Our BOE
ICE RINK:
• Best Cost Benefit Reopening - Sept 1st in Phase 3 at 100 People
• COVID-19 Protocols:
  Skaters:
  1. No Communal Showers
  2. Close Every Other Spectator’s Bleacher
  Spectators:
  1. One Parent & No Other Non-skating Children Allowed
Town of East Lyme
Parks & Recreation:
Dave Putnam, CPRP, Director

• Summer Camps Cancelled - Typically Over 300 Enrolled
• Celebrate East Lyme Scheduled for July Cancelled - Crowds Estimated Between 15K & 20K Annually
• No Decision Made on Summer Concert Series - Exploring a Fall Sunday Afternoon Series

Main Beach, McCook Point Park, East Lyme, CT
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- Operates 3 Beaches Along Long Island Sound
- Parks and Recreation Commission Enacted Resident Only Seasonal Pass
- Lifeguards Daily Starting Saturday, June 20th
- Following Guidelines Issued by The CT DPH Circular Letter 2020-40 Dated May 19, 2020:
  1. Avoid Sitting Next to Each Other on Lifeguard Stands
  2. When Workers are Isolated in a Workstation Alone, Face Coverings are Not Necessary
  3. Cone off an Area Surrounding the Lifeguard Stand

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• Ball Fields - Groups to Sign Off on Adhering to Guidelines

• Field Scheduling:
  1. Priority to Town Sponsored Leagues
  2. Then to Private Teams - Most Requests From Private Sector

• Restroom Cleaning:
  1. Purchased Foggers & Antibacterial
  2. Surfaces Sprayed Twice/Day at Beaches & Fields
  3. Private Groups Required to Provide Guidelines for Cleaning

Samuel M. Peretz Park at East Lyme, CT
Simsbury Culture, Parks, & Recreation:
Tom Tyburski, CPRP, Director

OUR “NEW NORMAL”:

• All Summer Special Events Cancelled Including HSO's Talcott Mountain Music Series

• 18 Hole Municipal Golf Course - Most Successful Spring in Two Decades

• Weekly Conferences & Daily Planning Meetings With:
  1. Local Health District
  2. Town Administration

• The Hunt for PPE & COVID Related Supplies

• “Signs, Signs, Everywhere There’s Signs...Blockin’ Out the Scenery, Breaking My Mind...Do This, Don’t Do That, Can’t You Read the Signs?” - Tesla
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SUMMER CAMP:

• Review & Consultation with OEC Staff, Local Health Officials, BOE Staff
• Adapt, Adapt, Adapt!
• Moving Ahead with Largest Day Camp at 2/3 Capacity Including Daily Swims
• Some Summer Sport & Enrichment Camps Will be Held
• Implemented Payment Plans & Customer Friendly Refund Process
SUMMER AQUATICS:

- Lack of Guidance from State/DPH/Red Cross Has Made Planning Difficult
- Worked with Local Health Officials & Town Manager Early to Implement Safe Opening
- Pool Complex Will Open June 20 at Projected 50% Capacity
- Online Reservation Process for Daily Public Swim Sessions, Residents Only
- No Payments Accepted On Site
- The "Clean" Team & The "Please" Force
CIRMA:

Joseph Barbera, Manager of Risk Management Services

GUIDANCE ON:
• Liability
• Managing Risk During COVID-19
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