

## **Tulsa Parks COVID-19 Response & Updates** **Last Updated: May 28, 2020**

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The City of Tulsa's Park and Recreation Department remains committed to ensuring the safety of our staff and residents, and continue to consult with CDC guidance, the Tulsa Health Department and City leadership to monitor, assess and update our health and safety policies as needed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please visit [www.tulsaparks.org](http://www.tulsaparks.org) for more information about specific programs and services and to register online for our programs.

As of June 1, the following plan and policies will be in place and enforced until further notice or update:

### **Parks & Trails**

- Parks & trails (including Redbud Valley Nature Preserve) are all open and up to 100 people can gather while practicing safety and social distancing guidelines.
- Outdoor shelter rentals and park event permits will start being accepted again, with an initial limited up to 100 people and then reassessed later in the summer.

### **Park Amenities**

- Park amenities including playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, basketball courts, and outdoor bathrooms will be reopened with social distancing guidelines and other restrictions in place. Bilingual (English/Spanish) signs have been installed at park amenities and bathrooms outlining specific guidance and restrictions for the amenity.
- Other than bathrooms, equipment will NOT be sanitized, and users should wash hands before and after use and use hand sanitizer regularly while using the equipment.
- After conferring with local health authorities, we are opening playgrounds because of the evolving CDC guidance that surfaces – particularly outdoor surfaces that are exposed to air and sun – are less likely to transmit COVID than originally thought, but that doesn't mean there is no risk. It is still really important for resident – and/or parents of resident – to keep social distancing or wear a face mask and to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before and after using any equipment.

- At basketball courts, there should be no more than 4 people per hoop and participants should maintain distance or use masks.
- Golf courses, tennis and pickle ball courts, dog parks and skate parks will continue to be open, with social distancing guidelines and other restrictions in place.
- Sports complexes as well as individual-use fields will reopen, and games and large group practices may resume with safety protocols in place.
- Water faucets at dog parks are turned on for your dog's use, but outdoor water fountains will remain shut off. Residents are responsible for bring their own water with them to parks
- Amenity rental requests will be accepted again, but some amenities may not be available depending on staff availability impacted by City furloughs.

### **Aquatics & Pools**

- Water playgrounds and splash pads will be reopened with safety and social distancing policies
- Pools will remain closed for the 2020 season.

### **Community Centers & Programs**

- Community and specialty centers (including Oxley Nature Center and WaterWorks Art Center) will reopen with updated hours and limited programming and services. Hours and programs will vary based on center, and the public can see specific center hours, programs and safety policies by visiting [www.tulsaparks.org](http://www.tulsaparks.org) or one of our Tulsa Parks Facebook pages. Google maps location hours and details should also be accurate as of June 1. Inquiries and requests for specific centers should be directed to and handled by that center.
- Community centers will not offer summer kids day camps. We will reassess the situation and provide a decision about providing kids fall break day camps later in the summer.
- Community centers will not offer youth or adult summer sports leagues. We will reassess the situation and provide a decision about providing fall sports leagues later in the summer.
- Mask will be required to enter and move about our centers and facilities. Masks may only be removed during participation in physical activities (such as exercise, dance, martial arts, etc.), where the staff or instructor has allowed the removal of masks
- Everyone will be asked to sign or scan in upon entering the building and will be temperature checked before being allowed to use the facility.
- Initially, all programming and activities will be limited to 9 participants or less in each session.
- Centers that offer open gym/studio time will do so in a limited capacity for specific activities varying by site, and some may require reservations.
- Indoor basketball will be limited to one-man drills and shooting practice.
- Fitness rooms will open but may close throughout the day for 30-minute disinfectant breaks, smaller fitness rooms may limit the number and time allowed, residents should call their facility for details.
- Indoor water fountains will remain shut off. Residents are responsible for bring their own water with them to our facilities.

For more local policies and guidance regarding COVID-19, visit [www.tulsa-health.org/COVID19](http://www.tulsa-health.org/COVID19) or [www.cityoftulsa.org/covid-19](http://www.cityoftulsa.org/covid-19).