

Burr Ridge Park District Summer 2020

COVID-19 Safety Protocols & Physical Distancing for Recreation Programs

Health Safety

All program attendees are responsible for taking their own temperatures at home and reviewing the pre-issued check list before departure every day of attendance. Parents are asked to flash the signed placard saying that your child does not have any of the COVID symptoms to the staff member directing the vehicle drop off process. If the participant has an elevated temperature or any of the other listed COVID-19 symptoms, they should not attend and take appropriate medical actions. Parent/guardian will remain in the vehicle during the drop off process.

Any participant who has had close contact with any person who is diagnosed with COVID-19 should quarantine and is not eligible to continue or start the program. Any participant diagnosed with COVID-19 is in quarantine. Please alert the Park District if these situations occur so that other participants can assess appropriate resources for their family and follow all official medical protocol.

It is extremely important that the Park District has more than one emergency contact person on file for each participant and it would be extremely helpful if one of those contacts is within 15 minutes of the Park District for emergency pickup if necessary. The Park District will have a separate room, fully enclosed, available to isolate from others anyone who exhibits COVID like symptoms during hours of operation until they are picked up.

Physical Distancing

All program groups will not exceed 15 participants. Both indoor and outdoor activities which allow the Park District to maintain 6 feet of physical distancing between participants will be emphasized. Certain activities and athletic games, almost exclusively occurring outdoors, may have participants passing through the 6-foot zones of others quickly in the flow of play. Should participants in such an activity linger and congregate, play will immediately be halted, physical distancing restored and possible discontinuation of that specific activity. Masks may also be utilized as a distancing option for such activities. The program will offer as many different fun activities that are able to be offered in a safe manner that is compliant with guidelines.

Indoors, markers will be placed on the floors of all programming rooms to indicate proper physical distancing as a supplement to direct staff supervision ensuring proper distancing is followed.

Each group of 15 or less participants will have an instructor/supervisor assigned to it and either a second instructor or floater employee whom assists two different groups of 15 that are separated at all times by at least 30-feet or the wall of a room but are otherwise in proximity to each other. Floaters will disinfect and sanitize hands prior to and immediately after moving from one group to the other.

Arrivals, departures and group movement around the campus will be closely controlled to modify the flow of individuals in a manner that minimizes 6-foot distancing issues.

Personal Protective Equipment

All indoor occupancy will require participants, staff and anyone in the facility to wear masks that cover both mouth and nose except while eating. Participants will furnish their own clean cloth/equivalent mask on a daily basis. Participants should test their masks at home to experience breathing through them in order to determine tolerance levels. Outdoors, activities will allow for proper social distancing and optional masks most of the time. Half day camps will only come indoors in inclement weather. Day Camp will spend approximately 60% of their time outdoors unless the weather dictates otherwise.

Violation of the Rules

In the current COVID-19 environment, it is extremely important for all safety protocol and social distancing rules to be followed. As such, there will be zero tolerance policy regarding violations of our rules. Participants must be able to wear and tolerate their mask. They must follow the rules of social distancing. The District will not be able to issue warnings. Any spitting, licking, hitting, biting, running away, needing bathroom assistance or inability to follow the rules will result in an immediate dismissal from the program with mandatory parental pick-up the day of the occurrence.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

Groups of 15 will not mix, interact, or share supplies/equipment on the same day. There will be ample supplies of hand sanitizer with mandatory frequent applications. The sharing of toys, game pieces, etc. within the group will be minimized. When it does occur, shared items will be sanitized and disinfected at the end of the camp session. Participants will have the option to wear protective gloves provided by the District. In addition to nightly cleaning and disinfecting of all indoor surfaces accessible to participants, common areas and multiple touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected every 2 hours during program hours. A separate unisex lavatory will be provided for each group of 15. Participants will be required to sanitize hands both prior to and after their restroom trip under staff supervision and lavatories will be disinfected after each group usage.

Public Access

During summer programs, the community center will not be open to the general public and entry doors will remain locked from the outside. Rooms in the Community Center will not be rented to outside groups for parties and gatherings during the summer months. Therefore, no persons other than participants, assigned staff or essential contractors will be in the 15,000 square foot facility for the duration of the summer program schedule. The number of total program participants in the community center will be very low at its heaviest volume, when threatening weather has forced all participants inside. There would be seven groups of up to 15 in separate rooms throughout a storm event and approximately 12 staff persons in the community center, well below recommended facility capacities of 50% and all practicing physical distancing. In normal summer weather, we will average about 40 total people inside the facility at any given time during the summer season. Any delivery persons, contractors or approved visitors allowed entry into the community center will be received in the front lobby and remain well outside of any physical distancing/personal protection priority related to program attendees, for the duration of the visit.

Enrollment in all programs is coordinated in advance. There will be no walk-in or part-time participants at any point within the program.

Other Facilities

For the programs held at facilities other than Harvester Park/BRCC, all safety and distancing protocol discussed in this publication extends to these facilities also. Should you experience breaches of our protocol at these facilities please contact us immediately.