



## **ALSIP PARK DISTRICT - UPDATES RELATED TO COVID-19 – JUNE 2, 2020**

As we move into Phase 3, we are excited to be able to open additional areas of operation and begin to offer outdoor recreation programming for groups up to 10 participants. We will continue to post updates and provide recreational opportunities that we can safely deliver to the community.

We continue to wait for further guidance in some areas in order to make additional appropriate decisions. Safety remains our main priority for our staff and patrons. The Park District continues to closely follow recommendations from the Governor's office, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and our risk management agency as it pertains to public parks and recreation activities and facility operations.

### **FOUNTAIN HILLS GOLF CLUB:**

The Fountain Hills Golf Club re-opened on May 1 under strict guidelines. As we move into Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan, we are excited to expand our operations at this facility, effective May 29. Tee times for foursomes can be reserved in 10-minute intervals with single rider cart rental available. We are also excited to announce that our practice facilities such as the driving range re-opened under limited occupancy. In addition, our outdoor seating on the patio of the BACKNINE restaurant is open. Unfortunately, with the restriction of group gatherings of no more than 10, our Concert on the Green scheduled for June is cancelled. Any indoor events also remain cancelled through June. You can contact our staff at 708-388-4653 to make a reservation for a tee time and learn more about our operations. You can also view our website at [www.alsipparks.org](http://www.alsipparks.org).

### **APOLLO RECREATION CENTER:**

Beginning, June 2, staff can be reached at the Apollo Recreation Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. The facility will currently remain closed to the general public. We plan for in person registration to resume soon and will communicate the date in the coming days. Drop off and online registration remain available and are encouraged.

We will continue to offer various fitness opportunities through FACEBOOK or in our virtual guide. We are also finalizing outdoor fitness classes for groups under 10 in accordance with Phase Three of the Restore Illinois Plan. These classes will begin the week of June 8 and after. Stay tuned for more information. Fitness passes will be extended accordingly through the duration of the closure. We are working on modifications in the Fitness Center to safely welcome you back when we move into Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

### **ATHLETIC PROGRAMMING:**

Our youth athletic teams will have the opportunity to resume practices under the guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Under Phase 3 no competitive games are allowed. We are communicating further with our coaches and families and anticipate a start date during the week of June 8. Additional youth sports opportunities will also be available, and we will communicate updates as available.

### **FIELD PERMITS:**

We will begin to accept field permit applications on June 8 for review. Any group that is interested in a field permit rental should, along with their field permit application, submit a plan of action on how they will abide by Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines. Field permit applications are available on our website at [www.alsipparks.org/field-shelter-rentals/](http://www.alsipparks.org/field-shelter-rentals/)

**TENNIS COURTS:**

Tennis Courts are open. The gates to these areas are locked open and it is expected that proper social distancing is practiced, and face coverings be worn as necessary.

**SAND VOLLEYBALL**

The sand volleyball area at Commissioners Park will re-open June 5. Groups larger than 10 are not permitted to gather. Proper social distancing should be practiced. When social distancing is not possible, a face covering should be worn.

**SPRAYFARI AQUATIC PARK:**

The aquatic season remains SUSPENDED temporarily until more guidance can be obtained from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Once received, we will further evaluate the situation to determine if we can safely operate for any portion of this season. To be fair to our patrons, refunds are available for any passes already purchased. If it is determined at a later date that we can safely operate, we will communicate next steps.

**SIGN UP NOW AND PAY LATER:**

Any program or event listed in the summer brochure that requires registration will continue to be taken through our online registration system AND payment WILL NOT be due until we are sure we can safely and properly run the activity or event. So basically, SIGN UP NOW and PAY LATER.

**SUMMER DAY CAMP:**

The first session of summer day camp that was scheduled to begin on June 8 is cancelled. This is for the FIRST SESSION ONLY. We are reviewing the guidelines from the Governor's Office and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) in order to make safe modifications for camp to begin for the second session. There is no doubt that camp will look different than it has in the past as we will need to operate under new guidelines and occupancy. We are working to make camp a fun and safe experience for your child, while implementing the proper and necessary protocols and training of staff.

You can still register online for Session TWO of Summer Day Camp. We are placing all new registrations on a wait list and again will NOT be collecting any payment at this time. Space will be limited so we encourage you to reserve a space for your child online at [www.alsipparks.org](http://www.alsipparks.org).

**PARK SITES:**

All parks currently remain open to take a walk, jog or run. Our park sites offer great open space opportunities to get outside and enjoy the good weather and connect with nature. We have paths located behind the Aquatic Park, Apollo Recreation Center, Sears Park and Commissioners Park. We also have access to the Cal-Sag Trail at Freedom Park. While enjoying these outdoor areas please abide by the Governor's Orders and practice proper social distancing and wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible. We also ask that you follow the guidelines of the Illinois Department of Public Health and do not gather in groups larger than 10.

**PLAYGROUNDS, SKATE PARK AND BASKETBALL COURTS:**

Per the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines, these areas remain closed.

**PARK SHELTERS AND FACILITY RENTALS:**

Currently, we are not accepting any NEW reservations for park shelters or Apollo Recreation Center room rentals. We will communicate more once we have further guidance on when these areas of operation can resume.

Our Board and Staff are committed to keeping our community safe and doing our part to properly maintain outdoor areas as well as continue to bring the fun to our parks and your home.