**Reopening Parks, Playgrounds, Pavilions and Sport Courts**

**Report to ULCT April 27, 2020**

**Recommendations**

* Provide all employees with training regarding all equipment or chemicals that are new to them including but not limited to PPEs, cleaning products, new signage, responses to frequently asked questions.
* Special equipment needed for cleaning may include, chemicals and chemical applicators of various types including sprayers, power washers and other materials. There is concern regarding the availability, long term viability, environmental impacts and other issues of cleaning supplies and chemicals. Some other ideas include setting a specific cleaning hour and posting what that is so that visitors will have reasonable expectations of cleanliness and an understanding of status.
* Maintain signage that encourages social distancing guidelines to be met at all times.
* Rules for activities and programs will likely need to be modified. This should be handled on a case by case basis and based on data specific to an area and type. Monitoring areas like skate parks and popular play areas as well as splash pads so that social distancing and visitor numbers are controlled. Outdoor sports courts such as basketball, tennis and pickleball shall be limited as outlined in the report on organized sports and recreation centers.
* Additional modifications should include changes to reservations for pavilions, potentially take reservations but limit the total number.
* Restrooms should be cleaned and disinfected at least once per day with high volume public restrooms cleaned and disinfected more often on an as needed basis.
* Playground surfaces shall be cleaned and disinfected at least weekly with high volume playgrounds cleaned and disinfected more often on an as needed basis.
* Limit child interaction with other children in public spaces (e.g. playground equipment); a 6-foot distance should be maintained
* Of note, it was discussed that there is a significant element of personal responsibility that comes with park use and that even if disinfected once per day, it will almost immediately become something less than disinfected upon first use. Additionally, recognition that monitoring park areas and potentially enforcing ongoing limitation is nearly impossible and therefore does require a high level of personal responsibility.
* The most significant recommendation was to maintain good communication with the public so that they are aware of the rules, efforts being taken and the changes that will undoubtedly be ongoing. Communication allows the public to understand and assess the various risks and proceed as they desire.

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