

Reopening Procedures and Practices Framework

These are recommended guidelines based on recreational profession best practices, the national reopening plan, CDC guidelines, and governor recommendations. If it is determined that we cannot safely operate parks and recreation programs or facility we should not offer them regardless of any recommendations.

Recreation

Children's Programming

The JFK Summer/Afterschool program will be limited and altered to allow children the opportunity to attend the program and keep the children and staff safe.

- Programming will not be allowed to start until phase 2 of the national reopening plan.
- Children will be dropped off in the parking lot or walk to the center so parents don't have to enter the building
- Temperature check of children prior to entering the program with rejection for <100.4 temps
- Temperature check of staff prior to work day
- Groups of less than 20
- Rooms will be set up with tables and chairs that allow for 6' between everyone
- HCSC will still provide prepackaged lunches daily that have been dropped off requiring no "lunch line"
- Scheduled bathroom/hand washing times to make sure hygiene is addressed
- Encourage outside activities that allow for more spreading out
- Restricting items brought from home
- Scheduled sanitizing electrostatic spraying on a regular basis

Weight Room

The weight room will have to adopt spacing and additional sanitizing procedures to help ensure the safety of staff and users.

- Weight room use will be allowed under phase 1 of the national reopening plan
- Additional sanitizing wipes will be added
- Limiting the number of users in the room at one time
- 6' social distancing will be required of all visitors.
 - This will require limiting weights on machines to remove the need for spotters
- Requiring wipe downs before and after each use
- Scheduled sanitizing electrostatic spraying on a regular basis
- Entry staff will be provided and required to use PPE while on duty

Gymnasium

Schedule gym activities will be altered to eliminate team activities and to keep all users at least 6' apart

- Gym use will be allowed under phase 1 of the national reopening plan
- Only allowing individual players on the gym floor for single player use.

Rentals

- Rentals will not be allowed to start until phase 2 of the national reopening plan.
- Rentals will be restricted to less than 50 people.
- Entry staff will be provided and required to use PPE while on duty
- 6' social distancing will be required of all visitors and rental participants

Small Center

Meetings and activities scheduled and planned in the small center will be adjusted or in some cases cancelled to maintain the health of the users and staff

- Small Center use will be allowed under phase 1 of the national reopening plan
- Meetings will be limited to no more than 10
- 6' social distancing will be required of all visitors and rental participants
- Computers will be reduced in number to 2 that will allow social distancing for their use
- Leisure games will be restricted to 2 players who will clean all game pieces immediately following use
- Computers keyboards and mice will be cleaned immediately after use
- Countertops and other public fixtures are to be regularly disinfected following use by patrons and staff
- Entry staff will be provided and required to use PPE while on duty
- Scheduled sanitizing electrostatic spraying on a regular basis

Community Events

Parks and Recreation will plan and operate events designed to gather large numbers of people only during Phase 3 of the national reopening plan.

- Mother's/Father's Day/Thanksgiving/Christmas/Start of School and other events will operate with tables set up for family units to eat together with limited numbers of chairs placed at tables to keep visitors 6' apart.
- Events will be planned so that items/supplies are single use and not shared among participants.
- Event registration will be completed on line or there will be no registration in order to avoid large lines of people.
- Activities as part of any events will be designed to avoid shared equipment or enclosed spaces
- Agreements with outside agencies will contain a clause referring to pandemic conditions as reasons for the city to cancel permitted events operated by other groups

Atkinson Pool

The pool faces a number of challenges in reopening due to the confined nature of the area, and the requirement of the staff to perform only lifeguard duties and nothing else. The pool may be allowed to reopen in phase 2 of the national reopening plan. It is highly recommended that the pool reopen during phase 3 of the national reopening plan.

The pool also faced that additional challenge of recruiting lifeguards. The timeline for training and hiring often takes 1 month to complete. This leave a 1 month lag time, at best, from it being announced that the pool can open until we are staffed, assuming recruitment is successful. With the late opening season it is expected that a lot of potential staff will take positions elsewhere before the pool season starts.

Options for operating the pool with a smaller number of lifeguards include: reduce the number of days in the week for operating. Reduce the areas of the pool that are open. (close the baby pool or water slide at times). Institute a guard break that clears the pool for a period of time that allows the guards a scheduled lunch break. Reduce the daily hours of operation to four so guards don't require a lunch break.

Entry

- Countertops and other public fixtures are to be regularly disinfected following use by patrons and staff
- All patrons are to stay 6' apart due to social distancing
- Some type of shield or protection will be installed to protect staff from constant patron interaction.
- Entry staff will be provided and required to use PPE while on duty and out of the water
- Only a limited number of patrons will be allowed in at any one time

Pool

- 6' social distancing will remain in place both in the water and on deck
- Staff working on deck should be provided and required to use PPE while on duty.
- Lifeguards may not be used to monitor the 6' social distancing. They are to be guarding at all times.
- Handrails will be cleaned multiple times a day with a cleaning solution
- The CDC reports that proper chlorine levels between 1 and 3 ppm kills the COVID 19 virus on contact and that treated and maintained water is not a source of transmission

Slide

- 6' social distancing will remain in place both in the water and on deck
- Staff working on deck should be provided and required to use PPE while on duty.
- Lifeguards may not be used to monitor the 6' social distancing. They are to be guarding at all times.

Concessions

- Food options will be limited to those that are prepackaged and do not require staff assemble or preparation of food
- Countertops and other public fixtures are to be regularly disinfected following use by patrons and staff
- All patrons are to stay 6' apart ordering and receiving food due to social distancing
- Concession staff will be provided and required to use PPE while on duty and out of the water

Showers/bathhouse

- Showers will be altered or removed in order to require 6' distance between users
- All urinals will be adjusted or removed from service to allow 6' distance between users
- Shower and toilet handles will be disinfected and cleaned multiple times a day by spraying a cleaning solution.

Parks

Park's open space and trails have remained open during the pandemic. Several facilities located inside the parks have been closed. Several facilities are recommended to be reopened only during phase 3 of the national reopening plan

Playgrounds

- Playgrounds would reopen during phase 3 of the national reopening plan.
- Playgrounds are to be sprayed with a cleaning solution on a regular basis

Tennis/pickleball courts

- Sporting courts would reopen under phase 2 of the national reopening plan
- Sporting courts will have signage reminding players to adhere to the 6' social distancing rules.

Restrooms

- With the open spaces and the walking trails remaining open the some restrooms have remained open during this pandemic. During this time the restrooms are being sanitized on at least a daily basis and sometimes more. This will continue with all restrooms as they are all opened.

Basketball courts

- Sporting courts will have signage reminding players to adhere to the 6' social distancing rules.
- Once we reach phase 2 on the national reopening we will replace the rims on the courts.

Denton Shelter

- Rentals will not be allowed to start until phase 2 of the national reopening plan.
- Rentals will be restricted to less than 50 people.
- 6' social distancing will be required of all visitors and rental participants

Spray Features

- The CDC reports that proper chlorine levels between 1 and 3 ppm kills the COVID 19 virus on contact and that treated and maintained water is not a source of transmission
- The East End Park Sprayground and Downtown Water Feature would reopen during phase 3 of the national reopening plan.
- Signage will be installed at each site to inform and encourage the public to use social distancing.

Cemetery

Funerals

Funerals procedures will be adapted to allow continued operations at all times due to the essential nature of this division.

- Cemetery operations are essential and will not cease during the pandemic events
- Cemetery personnel will no longer collect fees of payments. Funeral directors will alter staff and drop off payments at the parks office in the mail box
- Cemetery personnel may be called on to assist with casket placement with the restriction of funerals to <10 people

All reopening and procedures will be in conjunction with the edicts of the governor and health officials.