



# City of Columbia Parks Re-opening Plan



Please note the re-opening of these facilities and amenities is subject to change at any time based on COVID-19 data. The following outlines a phased plan to re-open the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation facilities and amenities.

## Parks Re-opening Plan - At a Glance

Phase 1	Outdoor Greenways and Open Spaces	May 12, 2020
Phase 2	Tennis Courts and Athletic Fields	May 25, 2020
Phase 3	Park Amenities	June 8, 2020
Phase 4	Recreation Facilities/Gyms/Wellness	<i>Postponed</i>
Phase 5	Tournaments/League Play	<i>Postponed</i>
Cancellations	Special Events, Summer Camps, Pools, and Rentals	<i>Until Further Notice</i>

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## Parks Re-opening Plan – Details

Phase 1	Outdoor Greenways and Open Spaces	May 12, 2020
<p>In an effort to provide citizens with outdoor locations for physical activity during the warmer weather, the City of Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department has announced that greenways, open spaces, and trails will be open to the public effective immediately. These areas can be visited by citizens from sunrise to sundown. However, due to the pandemic, special guidelines must be followed in the interest of public health.</p> <p><b>**Citizens who participate in these activities do so at their own risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic**</b></p>		
Phase 2	Tennis Courts, Athletic Fields and Amenities	May 25, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennis - Singles and Doubles play</li> <li>Tennis- No group lessons</li> <li><u>Columbia Tennis Center and Greenview Tennis Center will not open until phase four (includes staff to open)</u></li> <li>Dog parks, Skate parks and Bicycle Pump Track can be utilized with citizens abiding by social distancing requirements</li> <li>Athletic fields -Two or four individuals maximum (members of the same household)</li> <li>Athletic fields - No organized teams, pick-up games or team practices</li> <li>Activities could consist of Soccer, Baseball, Football/Flag Football/Softball</li> </ul> <p><b>**Citizens who participate in these activities do so at their own risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic**</b></p>		
Phase 3	Remaining Park Amenities	June 8, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional park amenities to open. This includes, but is not limited to, basketball courts, playgrounds, restrooms, water fountains, non-circulating spray pads, and shelters. Citizens must follow the Governor's Executive Order regarding gatherings, "<i>Congregation or gatherings of people in groups of three or more is prohibited</i>" in order to participate in the above activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>**Citizens who participate in these activities do so at their own risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic**</b></p>		
Phase 4	Recreation Facilities/Gyms/Wellness/Clyburn Golf Center	Postponed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff will be trained and transition between June 8-22 on sanitizing, disinfecting, social distancing and PPE</li> <li>These indoor spaces need to adhere to <b>group size, capacity issues, and proper social distancing.</b></li> <li>Maximum capacity in the gym will be 5 persons per 1,000 square feet (<i>including staff</i>) with a maximum of three people interacting in a structured activity while exercising social distancing. (<i>Based on CDC Guidelines</i>)</li> <li>Citizens in any common area (game room, craft room, reading, sitting area, and computer room) must exercise social distancing.</li> <li>All citizens entering the building must sign-in and sign out for staff to monitor numbers in building and ensure compliance with social distancing and capacity per 1,000 square feet.</li> <li>All activities must be planned and implemented in compliance with social distancing.</li> <li>All activities will have scheduled times for specific activities supervised by staff.</li> <li>Citizens will be permitted to rotate a maximum of two activities within a two-hour time frame (afterward their leisure time must take place outdoors).</li> </ul> <p><b>**Citizens who participate in these activities do so at their own risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic**</b></p>		
Phase 5	Tournaments/League Play	Postponed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth and Adult Sports (All Sports)</li> <li>Outdoor/Indoor organized league play</li> <li>Tennis Courts League Play and Doubles</li> <li>Indoor organized league play will be limited to coaches, players, officials, and administrative staff. (recommend temperature be taken of all in attendance prior to the game, no spectators)</li> </ul> <p><b>**Citizens who participate in these activities do so at their own risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic**</b></p>		
Cancelled	Special Events, Summer Camps, Pools and Rentals	Until Further Notice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Columbia Parks and Recreation Summer Camps to be cancelled.</li> <li>All programs, activities, and events are cancelled until further notice. Cancellation of summer concert series and city-wide events (i.e. drills and skills, cook-outs, movies in the park, etc.) until further notice.</li> </ul>		

## Additional Measures to Consider

*Included but not limited to the following:*

- Out of an abundance of caution exercise programs for seniors should continue to be made available at a distance (social media, channel 2) until further notice.
- Equipment in all game rooms, day areas, gyms must be signed out by staff (equipment must be disinfected by staff before and after each use by a citizen).
- All exercise equipment must be wiped down before and after use by each citizen.
- Staff members to have their temperature taken daily, upon arrival and departure of the worksite.
- A maximum of two persons in any park facility kitchen/breakroom at any given time including administration building and park division breakroom
- Staff must maximize social distancing among co-workers and/or wear a mask during their interactions.
- Sanitation Stations placed in all facilities
- Staff must wear a mask at all facilities when interacting with co-workers and public.
- Signature sheets to document sanitizing of high touch areas
- Maximum of two staff in the office at any given time and wearing mask
- No citizens permitted in office areas
- Expand social media options and virtual programming, where appropriate for youth and seniors
- Training staff on social distancing, sanitizing and disinfecting

## Citizen Guidelines

*Listed guidelines expected from all citizens when we resume Parks and Recreation activities:*

- Encouraged to wear masks when interacting with the City of Columbia Parks & Recreations staff
- Maintain Social Distancing of 6 feet. at all times
- Citizen visitation to park facilities will be limited based on our ability to maintain social distancing requirements
- Follow the Governor's Executive Order regarding gatherings, "Congregation or gatherings of people in groups of three or more is prohibited"
- Park staff reserves the right to disband gatherings and/or solicit support from local law enforcement as needed

## Resources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control: <https://www.scdhec.gov/>
- South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association: <https://www.scrpa.org/default.aspx>
- National Recreation and Park Association: <https://www.nrpa.org/>
- United States Tennis Association: <https://www.usta.com/en/home.html>

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