

Barrington Park District

General Message to Public

Barrington Park District is aware of and monitoring the developing public health issue of COVID-19 (or coronavirus). The health and safety of our community is an absolute priority.

As background, on March 12, 2020, Illinois Governor Pritzker prohibited gatherings in Illinois of 1,000 or more and recommended against gatherings of 250 or more. On March 16, 2020, the Governor prohibited public and private gatherings of 50 or more individuals in the same room or space at the same time, and near the same time the White House recommended against gatherings of more than 10 people. On March 20, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued a shelter-in-place directive closing all non-essential businesses, closing playgrounds, and providing additional guidance. Effective May 1, 2020, the Governor has allowed for certain limited operations in Illinois to resume (e.g., golf courses are open with limitations, parks are open for socially distanced recreation, etc.), but many agency operations and facilities (e.g., playgrounds, water parks, children's play centers, museums, camps and non-emergency daycares, etc.) continue to be closed. The federal and state requirements continue to change.

We have been and will continue following applicable laws regarding the opening of facilities and programs, including the Governor's Executive Orders. As of June 15, 2020 golf course, skate park and tennis courts are open. Scheduled outdoor programming with ten (10) person limitations have begun. Check the Park District's website at www.barringtonparkdistrict.org for further details. We recognize this is a rapidly evolving situation and one where we are going to use discretion as needed to respond to the current laws, information, and recommendations.

Barrington Park District is focusing on timely and routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and equipment at facilities consistent with CDC guidance, as well as working to take additional precautionary measures such as: hand sanitizer stations, 6 foot physical distancing signs, sneeze-guard barrier was installed at front & fitness desks, patrons & staff will wear a face covering inside the facility, furniture and toys have been removed from lobbies, entrance and exit points have been designated for safe traffic flow.

In addition, staff have been and will continue to be educated on the importance of hand-washing, hygiene, and cloth face coverings, as well as the symptoms of COVID-19 and staying home if. Finally, Barrington Park District will use reasonable steps to keep its employees (and patrons or the public as programs and facilities open) timely informed of key developments.

Staff, patrons and members of the public should not enter any park or Park District facility if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms such as: fever over 100.4, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing or a shortness of breath, muscle aches, new or unusual headache, loss of taste or loss of smell, chills or rigors, gastrointestinal concerns, anyone in your household displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Please understand that if we see staff, patrons, or members of the public exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms as identified by the CDC and applicable public health agency guidance while on-site, we will be sending them home. We realize this may be an inconvenience; however, we are trying to proactively do our part to prevent community spread during this unprecedented situation.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and continued vigilance. Please contact Teresa Jennings, Executive Director at tjennings@barringtonparkdistrict.org with any questions.