

Parks and Recreation Policy Updates

Summer 2020

June 10, 2020

Parks & Recreation Commission



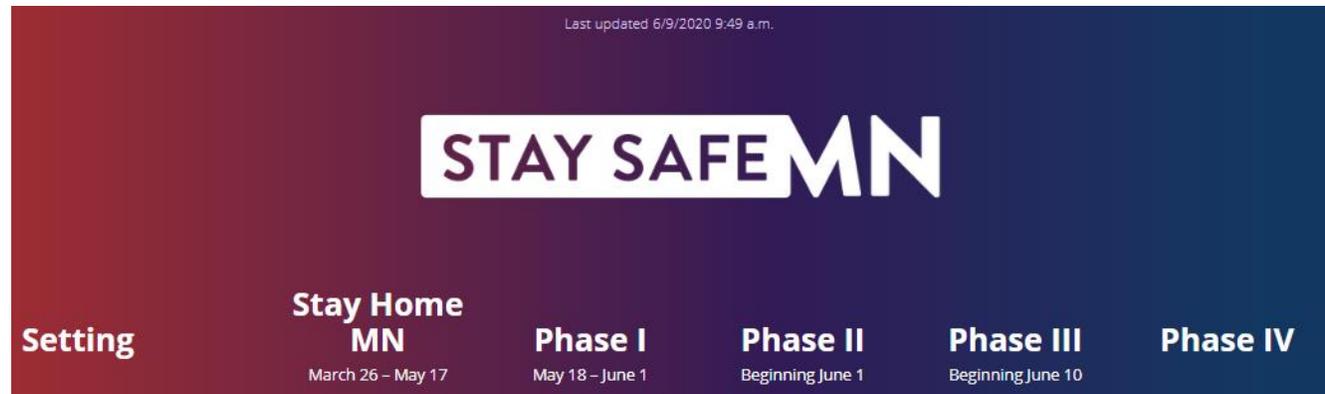
Overview

- Alignment with State guidance
- Playgrounds
- Park Buildings
- Road Closures
- Volunteer Projects
- Park Point – Beach and Beach House
- Attractions and Camping
- Workforce capacity



Alignment with State guidance

- Stay Safe MN – Phase III
- Youth and Adult Sports Guidance
 - High-Medium-Low Risk Matrix
- MN DNR Outdoor Recreation Guidance
 - Campgrounds
 - Outdoor recreation
- MN Department of Health
 - Youth programs and camps



Playgrounds

- Reopen June 11, 2020
- Use at own risk
- City will not be sanitizing
- City will continue to perform routine structural assessment and maintenance
- Users should follow CDC and State guidance for social distancing and hygiene



Park Buildings

- Select buildings are allowed to reopen to the public contingent upon:
 - Approved pandemic operations plan
 - Review of current lease agreements
- Community Centers remain closed until at least August 1
 - Indoors gathering sizes remain limited
 - Cleaning needs surpass current janitorial workforce capacity



- Eligible buildings include:
 - Bayfront Family Center
 - Chester Bowl Improvement Club
 - Central Hillside Community Center
 - Gary New Duluth Rec Center
 - Hartley Nature Center
 - Lester-Amity Chalet
 - Lester Park Library
 - Longview Tennis Clubhouse
 - Observation Park Center
 - Washington Center
 - Woodland Y

Road Closures and Alternate Recreation Areas

- Reasons for road closures
- Seasonal use patterns of outdoor spaces
- Lester Park Golf Course
 - Focus on asset preservation
 - All use prohibited

Reopening on July 1:

- Seven Bridges Road
- Skyline Parkway along Hawk Ridge
- Skyline Parkway and Hank Jensen Drive around Enger Park
- Skyline Parkway from Haines Road to Highland Street
- Skyline Parkway through Magney-Snively Natural Area
- Lincoln Park Drive

Volunteer Projects

- Nonprofit groups with existing agreements or those requesting to continue with routine projects in the absence of an existing agreement with the City of Duluth
- Pandemic Operations Plan
- Volunteer Tool Shed open to approved groups



Park Point – Beach and Beach House

- Beach remains open, was never closed
- Porta-potties at main beach access points
- Limited trash/recycling containers and pick-up routes
 - Pack it in/out signage
- Beach House
 - Closed to the public
 - Lifeguards not on duty
 - Continuing conversations with Duluth Y on facility services



Attractions and Camping

- Lake Superior Zoo
- Duluth Indian Point Campground
- Wade Stadium



Workforce Capacity

- Park Maintenance remains at 1/3 of its traditional capacity
- Focus remains on Park Maintenance Work Plan goals
 - Preserving public safety
 - Preserving public assets
 - Maintaining minimal levels of tidiness
- Continue to work on options to restore capacity
- Additional porta-potties will be placed this week
- Recognition that park experiences are different this year



Questions?

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