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In light of the Governor's Maryland Strong Roadmap to Recovery, and in consultation with the County Health Officer while using recommendations from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) (www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/health-wellness/coronavirus-disease-2019/slowing-the-spread-of-covid-19) and the Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports), a plan was developed to reopen recreational opportunities/facilities to the public. In light of an increase in health metrics and to bring Baltimore County in line with surrounding jurisdictions the following guidelines are enacted. The Department will follow all State and Local Executive Orders related to recreational activities.

Effective June 18, 2021

Guidelines are applicable to adult and youth activities

OUTDOOR Recreation and Nature Operations

- **Masks are strongly recommended**, but not required, for anyone who is not fully vaccinated and not directly engaged in play, regardless of whether social distancing is possible.
- Requests for field/diamond permits can be submitted to local Recreation Offices.
- Participation in programs requires a signed Baltimore County COVID Waiver Form.
- Outdoor Nature classes and programs can operate.
- Permits will be issued to user groups consistent with Departmental approved policies and seasons of play.
- Games and scrimmages are permitted.
- Tournaments are permitted.
- Use of central hydration areas or sharing of water bottles by participants is not recommended.
- Pavilions are open for reservations.
- Licensed Day Care can continue to operate at this time.
- Outdoor restroom facilities are operational.
- Portable restrooms are open.
- Playgrounds remain open.
- Outdoor Basketball courts remain open
- Outdoor Tennis courts remain open.
- Dog Parks remain open.
- Skate Parks remain open.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in removal from Park property

INDOOR Recreation and Nature Operations

- Indoor capacity limits are lifted
- Requests for permits to indoor facilities can be submitted to local Recreation Offices.
- Participation in programs requires a signed Baltimore County COVID Waiver Form. Team rosters of participants must be kept.
- Indoor Nature classes and programs can operate.
- Permits will be issued to user groups consistent with Departmental approval policies and seasons of play.
- **Masks are strongly recommended** for those individuals who have not been vaccinated or for children under the age of 12 as directed by State guidelines.
- Games and scrimmages are permitted.
- Tournaments are permitted.
- Appropriate use of PPE by facility users.
- Licensed Day Care can continue to operate at this time.
- Indoor tennis courts can open.
- Use of central hydration areas or sharing of water bottles by participants is not recommended.

As it pertains to the Governor's announcement of restrictions lifted as of July 1, we are awaiting more information from the State including licensing guidelines for summer camp. More details to follow. Additionally, we are anticipating the return of regular programming this late summer/fall so you may proceed with planning accordingly.