



# **A PLAN TO REOPEN LAWRENCE PARKS AND RECREATION**

**July 7, 2020**



**City of Lawrence**  
PARKS AND RECREATION

On May 4, 2020, Governor Laura Kelly lifted the statewide *Safe at Home* order and allowed communities across the state to begin phased reopening with her plan *Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas*.

The State's phased framework is the baseline for local communities to use in reopening; however, each community has the authority to impose additional restrictions that are in the best interest of the health and safety of their residents consistent with the de-centralized public health system outlined in Kansas law.

The administrative staff of Lawrence Parks and Recreation has been working closely with City leadership and health professionals in the development of the phased reopening of the department's facilities and programs.

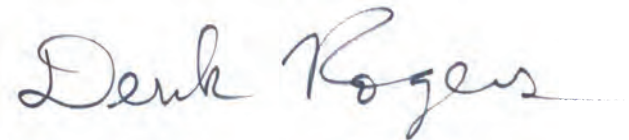
This plan mirrors the State's plan with a phased-in approach, using the same benchmark phasing and tentative dates for transitioning from phase to phase, alleviating confusion and providing consistency with the State's plan. However, as with all plans things may change based on disease spread, testing rates, hospitalizations and our local public health authorities' ability to not only contain outbreaks, but also conduct contact tracing and having access to personal protective equipment to move safely to each phase of the plan.

The social gathering limits have been developed to slow and hopefully stop the spread of the virus. We request everyone to follow these social gathering guidelines, helping to move to the next phase of the plan. More important than to move quickly through the phases is to move carefully and responsibly and this phased-plan approach will allow us to return to productivity while keeping our staff and patrons safe.

Prior to the shutdown, we began taking safety measures to help slow the spread of the virus, like making hand sanitizer stations available at entry points of our facilities, cleaning equipment and high-touch areas more often and creating social distancing space as much as possible. We will continue these practices, as well as introduce other measures like installing Plexiglas at check-in/service counters, limiting program and class sizes to create and improve upon social distancing space especially in fitness classes and have installed new credit card terminals to allow for self-authorizing transactions.

We encourage everyone to follow and maintain social distance guidelines, practice good hygiene, when feeling sick to stay at home, isolating and quarantining when necessary throughout all the phases of the plan.

Lawrence has championed many adversities in the past. Much like the founders of this great city plotted a new course, history has taught us time and again of the resiliency of Lawrencians and their ability to not only adapt but also create systemic changes necessary for future sustainability and growth.

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Derek Rogers  
Director, Lawrence Parks and Recreation

# PHASE 1 - 1.5

BEGINS MAY 4, 2020 STAY AT HOME ORDER LIFTED | 1.5 BEGINS MAY 18, 2020

## GATHERINGS

- Mass gatherings of no more than **10** individuals allowed.

## INDIVIDUALS

- Masks are strongly encouraged while in public parks and on trails.
- Maintain 6 foot social distance.

## EMPLOYEES

- LPRD staff will begin altering summer programming to meet social distancing guidelines.
- Additional reservations through June 15 will be cancelled.

## REMINDERS

- Do not use parks/trails/playgrounds if you are exhibiting symptoms or are sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.

## ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC

- LPRD Administrative Office
- All Aquatic Facilities
- Recreation Centers - East Lawrence Recreation Center, Community Building, Holcom Park Recreation Center, Sports Pavilion Lawrence
- Recreational Programming - Aquatics, Fitness, Dance, Special Populations, Lifelong Recreation, Special Events, Gymnastics, Youth Sports, Adult Sports, Nature
- Summer Camps
- Organized Sports Facilities
- Community Centers - Union Pacific Depot, Carnegie Building, Santa Fe (AMTRAK) Train Station
- Prairie Park Nature Center
- Athletic Fields - Practices, Reservations, Games
- Park Shelters, Park Restrooms and Drinking Fountains,
- Tournaments - Outdoor & Indoor/Golf/Baseball/Softball/Basketball/Volleyball

## ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES OPEN TO PUBLIC

- Parks, Skate Parks, Dog Parks, Playgrounds
- Courts - Outside - Basketball, Tennis, Other
- Trails
- Cemeteries
- Eagle Bend Golf Course (limited tee times/concessions)



# PHASE 2

BEGINS NO EARLIER THAN MAY 22, 2020

**PARKS AND RECREATION TARGET DATE:  
JUNE 1, 2020**

**Parks and Recreation will use target dates previously announced for reopening  
Activities/Facilities to the Public**

## GATHERINGS

- Mass gatherings of no more than **15** individuals allowed.

## INDIVIDUALS

- Masks are strongly encouraged while in public parks and on trails.
- Maintain 6 foot social distance.

## EMPLOYEES

- LPRD staff return to offices. Prepare facilities/programs for reopening.
- Additional training of staff for new protocols and procedures.

## REMINDERS

- Do not use parks/trails/playgrounds if you are exhibiting symptoms or are sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.

## ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES THAT WILL REMAIN CLOSED

- LPRD Administrative Office
- All Aquatic Facilities
- Recreation Centers - East Lawrence Recreation Center, Community Building, Holcom Park Recreation Center, Sports Pavilion Lawrence
- Recreational Programming - Aquatics, Fitness, Dance, Special Populations, Lifelong Recreation, Special Events, Gymnastics, Youth Sports, Adult Sports, Nature
- Summer Camps
- Community Centers - Union Pacific Depot, Carnegie Building, Santa Fe (AMTRAK) Train Station
- Prairie Park Nature Center
- Athletic Fields - Scrimmages, Games
- Park Shelters and Park Drinking Fountains
- Tournaments - Outdoor & Indoor/Golf/Baseball/Softball/Basketball/Volleyball
- Special Events (Arts and Crafts Fairs, etc.)
- ROW Street Events

## ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES OPEN TO PUBLIC

- Parks, Skate Parks, Dog Parks, Playgrounds, Park Restrooms
- Trails
- Cemeteries
- Eagle Bend Golf Course (limited tee times/concessions)
- Outdoor Sports Facilities (team practices - excludes games and scrimmages)
- Licensed *Summer Playgrounds* program

# PHASE 3

BEGINS NO EARLIER THAN JUNE 8, 2020

**PARKS AND RECREATION TARGET DATE:  
JUNE 15, 2020**

**Parks and Recreation will use target dates previously announced for reopening  
Activities/Facilities to the Public**

## GATHERINGS

- Mass gatherings of no more than **45** individuals allowed.

## INDIVIDUALS

- Adhere to Personal hygiene guidelines.
- Remain at home if you feel sick.

## EMPLOYEES

- LPRD staff begin programs and activities, implementing new health and safety guidelines.
- Ongoing training, development and observance of new practices implemented.

## REMINDERS

- Do not use parks/trails/playgrounds if you are exhibiting symptoms or are sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.

## ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC

- Recreation Centers - East Lawrence Recreation Center, Community Building, Holcom Park Recreation Center, Sports Pavilion Lawrence
- Outdoor Aquatic Center, South Park Wading Pool
- Community Centers - Union Pacific Depot, Carnegie Building, Santa Fe (AMTRAK) Train Station
- Prairie Park Nature Center
- Tournaments - Outdoor & Indoor/Golf/Baseball/Softball/Basketball/Volleyball
- Special Events (Arts and Crafts Fairs, etc.)
- ROW Street Events
- Shelter/Facility Reservations and ROW Street Event Permitting

## ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES OPEN TO PUBLIC

- LPRD Administrative Office
- Courts - Outside - Basketball, Tennis, Other
- Indoor Aquatic Center - limited use (Lap Swimming and Water Fitness Classes)
- Summer Camps, Licensed *Summer Playgrounds* program
- Recreational Programming - Aquatics, Fitness, Dance, Special Populations, Lifelong Recreation, Special Events, Gymnastics, Youth Sports, Adult Sports, Nature
- Parks, Skate Parks, Dog Parks, Playgrounds, Park Shelters, Restrooms and Drinking Fountains, Playgrounds
- Trails, Cemeteries
- Eagle Bend Golf Course - limits to concessions/ tee times
- Outdoor Sports Facilities (team practices, scrimmages and games)

# PHASE OUT

**PARKS AND RECREATION  
TARGET DATE:  
TBD**

**Parks and Recreation will use target dates previously announced for reopening Activities/Facilities to the Public**

## **GATHERINGS**

- Maintain social distance where applicable.

## **INDIVIDUALS**

- Adhere to Personal hygiene guidelines.
- Remain at home if you feel sick.

## **EMPLOYEES**

- LPRD staff continue to monitor and practice health safety measures.
- Additional Staff training as necessary.

## **REMINDERS**

- Do not use parks/trails/playgrounds if you are exhibiting symptoms or are sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.

## **ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC**

- Outdoor Aquatic Center and South Park Wading Pool

## **ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES OPEN TO PUBLIC**

- LPRD Administrative Office
- Indoor Aquatic Center, Prairie Park Nature Center
- Summer Camps, Licensed *Summer Playgrounds* program
- Recreational Programming - Aquatics, Fitness, Dance, Special Populations, Nature, Lifelong Recreation, Special Events, Gymnastics, Youth Sports and Adult Sports
- Parks, Skate Parks, Dog Parks, Trails, Cemeteries
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