



Dallas Park & Recreation

Update on COVID-19 Response Park System Re-Opening Phases

Park and Recreation Board
June 4, 2020

Background

- All divisions have been analyzing strategies and developing options to re-open components of the park system while ensuring safety to park users and staff is the top priority at this time
- All decisions and recommendations take into account all relevant guidance from national, county and city health officials as well as state government recommendations and mandates

Background

- City Manager's Office is developing a return to work/open to the public plan for all City buildings and facilities (libraries, museums, cultural facilities, etc.)
 - CMO plan will be briefed to City Council on June 3rd
- At the May 7th Park and Recreation Board meeting staff stated that detailed plans would be presented on June 4th for summer camps, recreation centers and aquatic facilities

Partner Operations

- Dallas Zoo and Dallas Arboretum have begun to open their facilities utilizing timed ticketing and limitations on number of people on grounds at any one time
 - Dallas Zoo
 - Limited Opening - May 25
 - Open to Public – May 29
 - Dallas Arboretum
 - Limited Opening – May 14
 - Open to Public – June 1

Current Operations

- Phase 1 (Limited Outdoor Recreation)
 - Date - May 1, 2020
 - Golf
 - Tennis
 - Outdoor Fee-Based Programs
- Golf attendance and revenues for the fourth week of May are up compared to the average of the past three years
 - Attendance up over 25%, revenue up over 20%
- Klyde Warren Park hosted the first fitness boot camp and yoga classes with limited attendance Memorial Day weekend

Current Operations

- Phase II (Limited Outdoor Events, Facilities and Rentals)
 - Date - May 22, 2020
 - Dog Parks
 - Park Pavilions
 - Small Outdoor Events
 - Skatepark
 - Disc Golf
- Staff has observed below normal dog park usage and only 1 pavilion reservation to date
 - *Governor's Strike force to Open Texas Standards for Parks/Beaches/Bodies of Water says "Individuals should avoid being in groups larger than 10 individuals."*

Future Operations

- Phase III (Outdoor Park Amenities and Indoor Reservations)
 - Date – June 8, 2020 (Proposed)
 - Park Amenities (restrooms, benches, water fountains, etc.)
 - Basketball Courts
 - Volleyball Courts
 - Indoor Reservation Facilities (Winfrey Point, Arlington Hall, Filter Building, etc.)
 - Partner Summer Camps (First Tee, rowing, tennis, etc.)
- Staff is currently developing procedures to ensure safety once authorization is granted

Future Operations

- Phase IV (Children-Focused Amenities and Activities)
 - Date – July 6, 2020 (Proposed)
 - Pools
 - Summer Camps
 - Athletic Fields/Athletic Leagues
 - Playgrounds/Spraygrounds and Recreation Centers will be on an independent schedule
- Staff is currently developing procedures to ensure safety once authorization is granted
- Staff has convened a working group of league representatives to develop procedures for practice/games

Large Events

- Although large events (runs/walks/corporate events/special events/large weddings) have not been placed into a phase, we have begun receiving requests to host events that would involve very large groups of people
- Staff is seeking detailed event plans from the event hosts
- Staff will seek the guidance of health officials for event feasibility and procedures, if appropriate

Proposed Summer Programs

In response to Covid-19, Dallas Park and Recreation is reimagining recreation as we embrace new public health safety protocols. This summer we are proposing 4 summer program options. DPR will offer 13 in-person summer camps, Rec@Home Virtual Programming, Outdoor Adventures and Roving Recreation. Program sites were determined based on our ability to support social distancing, adequate program space, equitable access and geographical distribution. **Safety, sanitation** and **smaller groups** will be the key components to a successful operation.

Proposed Summer Programs

- **Summer Camp:** 5 week summer camp, 13 locations, maximum site registration of 24, staff participant ratio 1:8
- **Rec@Home Virtual Programming:** An online interactive and on demand platform for youth and families to experience recreation.
- **Outdoor Adventures (OA):** Outdoor recreation focusing on fishing, geo caching, mountain biking, nature photography and outdoor education and conservation. OA programs will take place in two-hour sessions designated park locations.
- **Roving Recreation:** A free daily outdoor recreation program offered at designated park sites. Roving Recreation is designed to support small group activities in an outdoor setting. Registration will be completed on a first-come, first served basis.

(number of program sites is contingent upon adequate staffing levels)

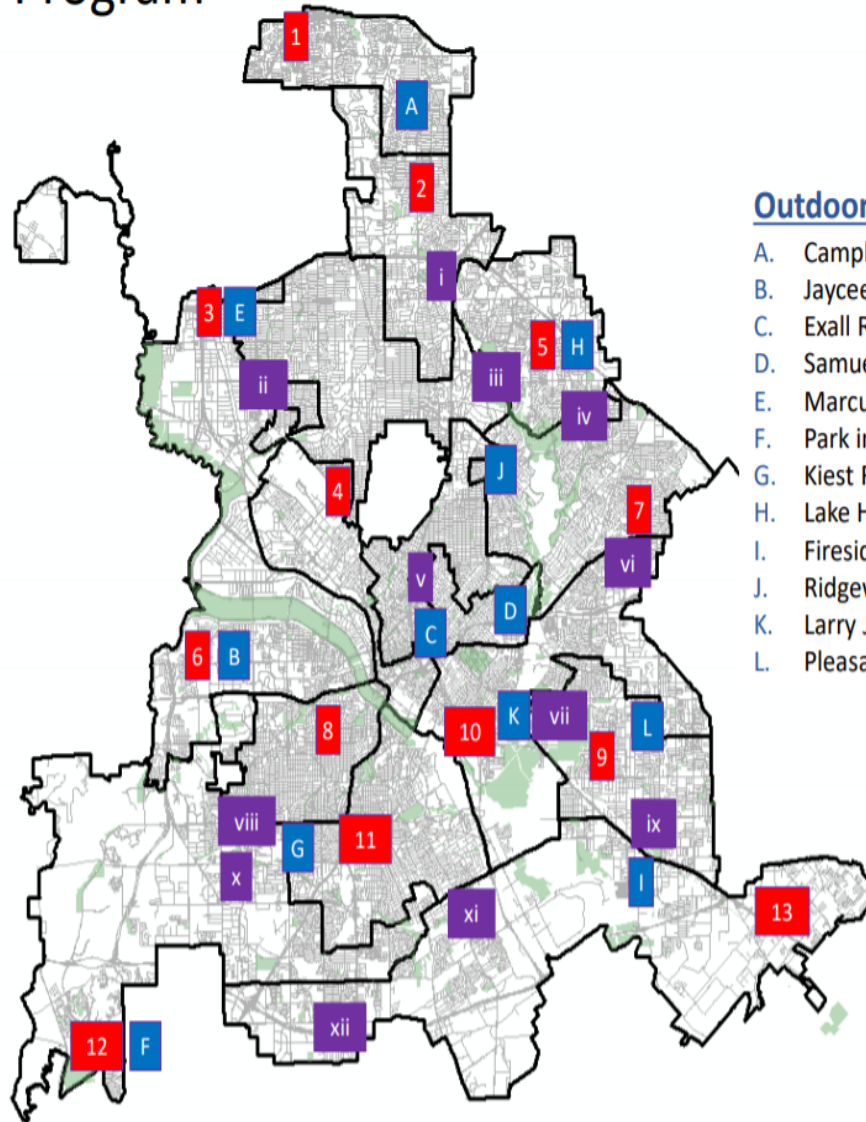
2020 Proposed Summer Program

Summer Camp Locations

1. Timberglen Recreation Center
2. Fretz Recreation Center
3. Marcus Recreation Center
4. K.B. Polk Recreation Center
5. Lake Highlands Recreation Center
6. Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center
7. Harry Stone Recreation Center
8. Kidd Springs Recreation Center
9. Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center
10. Exline Recreation Center
11. Beckley-Saner Recreation Center
12. Park in the Woods Recreation Center
13. Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center

Roving Recreation

- i. Anderson Bonner Park
- ii. Brownwood Park
- iii. Fair Oaks Park
- iv. McCree Park
- v. J.W. Ray Park
- vi. Ferguson Park
- vii. Willie Mae Butler Park
- viii. Westmoreland Park
- ix. Crawford Park
- x. Pecan Grove Park
- xi. College Park
- xii. Daniieldale Park



Outdoor Adventures

- A. Campbell Green Recreation Center
- B. Jaycee-Zaragoza Recreation Center
- C. Exall Recreation Center
- D. Samuel-Grand Recreation Center
- E. Marcus Recreation Center
- F. Park in the Woods Recreation Center
- G. Kiest Recreation Center
- H. Lake Highlands Recreation Center
- I. Fireside Recreation Center
- J. Ridgewood-Belcher Recreation Center
- K. Larry Johnson Recreation Center
- L. Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center

Aquatics

After an assessment of our current staffing levels, geographic distribution, ability to isolate work groups, foster a safe environment for staff and guests we propose the following two program options for the 2020 aquatics season beginning on July 6th.

Option 1 – Community Pools Only

- 9 Community Pools open 6 days per week
- Four 2-hour sessions per day
- 25% capacity: 33-55 per session depending on location
- Visit capacity per week: 11,126

Aquatics

Option 2 – Regional Family Aquatic Centers Only

- 3 Regional Family Aquatic Centers open 6 days per week
- Four 2-hour sessions per day
- 25% capacity: 150 per session
- Visit capacity per week: 10,800

Operational Needs

In order to accomplish any of the proposed programmatic options, the following operational components are needed:

- Hiring of seasonal staff
- Staff training and certifications
- Pool make-ready and repairs
- Facility retrofits (installation of handsfree/automatic devices, signage, sneeze guards)

Recreation Centers

The Recreation Services operation will follow a three-phase re-entry plan. All phased options and dates will be subject to the guidance and advice of public health officials.

Phase I: (Proposed July 6) *(Recreation Centers open solely for purpose of summer camp)*

- Operation of 13 recreation center summer camp sites
- 12 Roving Recreation Program Sites
- 12 Outdoor Adventure Sites

Phase II: (Proposed August 17) *(up to 25% occupancy)*

- Reopening of 25 recreation centers with reduced operation
- Reopening of Fitness Centers
- Sites TBD

Phase III: (TBD) *(budget contingency)*

- Reopening of remaining 18 recreation centers
- Limited program components; youth sports, staff/contractor led classes
- Operation levels TBD

Next Steps

- Seek Park and Recreation Board input and guidance on aquatics, summer camps, and recreation center re-openings
- Brief Park and Recreation Board on remainder on Phase IV re-openings at June 18th meeting
- Seek input and guidance from Park and Recreation Board on large events



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