

Alert: Denver Borough Parks Program & Facility Updates

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COVID-19/Coronavirus Update

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The Borough of Denver's first priority is ensuring the health and safety of our citizens, staff, volunteers, and guests. In light of the governor's orders and public health guidance and expectations around social distancing, the Borough of Denver is taking the following actions:

- The Denver Borough park, recreation, and open space facilities will be maintained and open during their regular operating hours. This includes the Borough's trail system, athletic fields, and open space areas.

- **Due to the virus' potential lifespan of 48 hours on hard surfaces, the playground areas/equipment, the Skatepark, the Roller Skating/Ice Skating Rink, the basketball courts, and the adult athletic fitness equipment located in the Borough's park and recreation system are closed. Visitors are not permitted to use these facilities.**
- All programs are canceled, including indoor, outdoor, and volunteer work parties.
- All facility rentals including pavilions, the Recreation Center, and the Shober Family Scout House are canceled. The Denver Park Association will work with renters to reschedule or give full refunds.
- Visitors shall practice social distancing (remain at least six (6) feet away from other people).

These decisions remain in effect until further notice. This action will be re-evaluated in the future at such time when conditions improve. Thank you for your cooperation. In the interim, the Borough will continue to evaluate the situation with public health authorities and other partners.

GUIDELINES FOR VISITING PARKS DURING COVID-19

Denver Borough Council believes that parks are essential for mental and physical well-being, but during the COVID-19 outbreak, please remember that they are great places to be for solitary recreation, not group activities. If it's crowded choose another location in the park or a different park. Maintain a distance of 6-feet from others.

Taking personal responsibility for yourself and your family can go a long way toward helping you stay healthy:

- Stay a minimum of six (6) feet away from other people
- **The Skatepark and the roller skating/ice skating rink, and basketball court are closed.**
- **The playground equipment and the adult athletic equipment areas are closed.**
- Wash your hands.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer and use it.
- Don't touch your face if you can help it.
- Avoid sick people.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Clean things.
- Stay home if you're sick.

We encourage park users to follow the recommendations of public health experts:

- Do not use parks if you are exhibiting symptoms.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer and use it.
- Avoid crowds and maintain social distancing.
- Bathe and wash your clothes when you get home.