

RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL

EVELYN K. DAVIS PARK PROGRAM



PURPOSE

This Return to Play Protocol was formed from various recommendations, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Iowa Department of Public Health, National Recreation and Parks Association and other public health organizations, as mitigation efforts to help ensure participant and staff safety.

NOTICE

If participant or attendees are not in compliance with these Protocols, registration is subject to immediate cancellation. In addition, attendees found in violation of the Protocols will be requested to leave the premises if violations continue after one verbal warning of violation. No refunds will be provided for any dates canceled or early termination of this registration for violations.

The City of Des Moines cannot guarantee that the player or any of the event attendees will not become infected with COVID-19. Player and attendees use the City's facility at their own risk.

The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change the Facility Use requirements at any time and will contact the participants immediately with such changes.

PROTECTING OUR PATRONS

REDUCED CAPACITY

- Per the CDC, the most recent [Mayor's Proclamation Amendment](#), and public health guidance for minimizing the spread of COVID-19, this facility and the Evelyn K. Davis program has a reduced capacity to allow for social distancing. The program capacity is 30 children.

CLEANING

- Facilities will be cleaned before and after scheduled event or activity.

PREVENT

SCREEN

- Participants are required to complete a daily health screening.
- Please take your temperature prior to arriving at the park or activity and stay home if your temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher.
- Any person who is experiencing [symptoms of coronavirus](#), who has been in contact with anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days, who is awaiting COVID-19 test results or has been asked to quarantine will be prohibited from entering the facility.
 - Per CDC guidance, If you have been exposed, even if you test negative for COVID-19 or feel healthy, you should stay home ([quarantine](#)) since symptoms may appear up to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

MASKS

Per the most recent [Mayor's Mask Mandate](#) and to prevent the spread of the virus, **you are required to wear masks** inside our facilities at all times and outdoors when social distancing of six (6) feet or more cannot be maintained or in the presence of members outside of your household.

Masks will be available.

- Masks should NOT be worn if they become wet.
 - Please bring an extra mask in case your mask becomes wet.
- Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of two or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Even if you are fully vaccinated, masks are required.
- **Masks do not substitute for social distancing. You must wear a mask and stay at least six feet apart at all times.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **Stay at least 6 feet away, both in and out of the water**, from people you don't live with.
- Participants must obey all facility signage, follow the CDC's social distancing guidelines (of six feet or more) between different household units at all times, and accept personal responsibility for following all public health guidelines.
- Any lines for check-in, restrooms, or other are also discouraged. If staff requests for people to line up as part of the program or there must be a line, six-foot spacing requirements shall always be in effect.

PLAN AND PREPARE

CHECK-IN

- Upon arrival, if you need to check-in with staff, parents/guardians dropping off, please wear your mask and follow all social distancing guidelines (of six feet or more) between staff, different household units or individuals (dependent on program requirements).

GROUPS

- To prevent the spread of COVID-19, participants must stay to their assigned group in their assigned space.

SEATING

- Users must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone when seated.
- If sitting at a picnic table, no more than two participants distanced at six feet or more may be at the same table.

TABLES

- Staff may locate tables to maintain social distancing properly. Do not relocate them.
 - Staff will wipe down tables before the program begins daily, before/after lunch and snacks and at the end of programming.

FOOD/DRINK

- Any snacks distributed will be pre-packaged and distributed by a staff person only. Staff will wear gloves and masks while serving.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle or water containers clearly labeled with their name. If a bottle needs to be refilled, a staff person will refill the bottle to prevent cross contamination. Drinking fountains are use at your own risk.
 - No glass containers allowed.
- Distance yourself at least 6 feet or more away from people you do not live with before removing your mask to eat or drink.

RESTROOMS

- Masks are required in restrooms.
- Please allow for social distancing of six feet or more at all times.
- Restrooms lines are discouraged. If there must be a line, participants must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual outside of the restroom.

HYGEINE

- Participants will wash or disinfect their hands before/after using the restroom, all meals, touching shared items and surfaces, such as playgrounds or tables.
- Hand sanitizer stations will also be available at the facility.
- Participants will not share food, drinks, objects, items and/or personal belongings.

PARKING

- Safety regulations apply to all areas, including the parking area(s).
- Participants and parents/legal guardians are asked to maintain social distancing in the facility parking lots.
- Participants and parents/legal guardians are asked to exit the facility and parking lot(s) immediately following the end of the program.
 - Loading/unloading in parking lots must be done in a prompt and direct manner.

TRANSPORTATION

Transporting participants in a City vehicle should be avoided.

- **If transport has to happen**, the Transit van or the largest vehicle available should be utilized in order to maintain a greater physical distance; and
- Participants will participate in a health screening, disinfect hands and wear a mask prior to entering a vehicle; and
- Remain in assigned seating; and
- Maintain social distancing of six (6) feet or more at all times; and
- When exiting, remove all belongings and discard all waste.
- If participants must be on dock or somewhere where space is limited, only one individual at a time.

IN CASE OF ILLNESS

- Participants who begin experiencing symptoms or feel ill during the program must immediately notify a staff member so they can be isolated, until a parent/legal guardian arrives.
- If you are participating in one of our programs and test positive for COVID-19, you must immediately contact Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Tim Smith at (515)248-6314 or email DMSports@dmgov.org. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, we must be able to post notice of dates of public exposure for contact tracing purposes. No personal information will be shared. Failure to report that you have been at our facility and/or participating in our activities/programs while you were positive, will result in individual suspension (without refund).

RESOURCES/LINKS

American Camp Association Camp Operations Guide 2020

<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020>

CDC Coronavirus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

CDC Considerations for Events/Gatherings

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

CDC Considerations for Wearing Masks

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

CDC Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camps

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

CDC List of Acceptable Disinfectants

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

Iowa Department of Public Health

<https://idph.iowa.gov/emerging-health-issues/novel-coronavirus>

John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Health Security Public Health Principles for Re-Opening

https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/our-work/pubs_archive/pubs-pdfs/2020/200417-reopening-guidance-governors.pdf

Plan For, and Preparing For, When Someone Gets Sick

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html>

Polk County Public Health Department

<https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health-department/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Public Health Recommendations for Community-Related Exposure

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>