

# RETURN TO PLAY PUBLIC PROTOCOL EWING PARK LILAC ARBORETUM LILAC BLOOM



## 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 the safety of our users and our staff.

## NOTICE

**Park users found in violation of the Protocols will be requested to leave the premises if violations continue after one verbal warning of violation.**

The City of Des Moines cannot guarantee that the any of the park users will not become infected with COVID-19. Park users 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 users immediately with such changes.

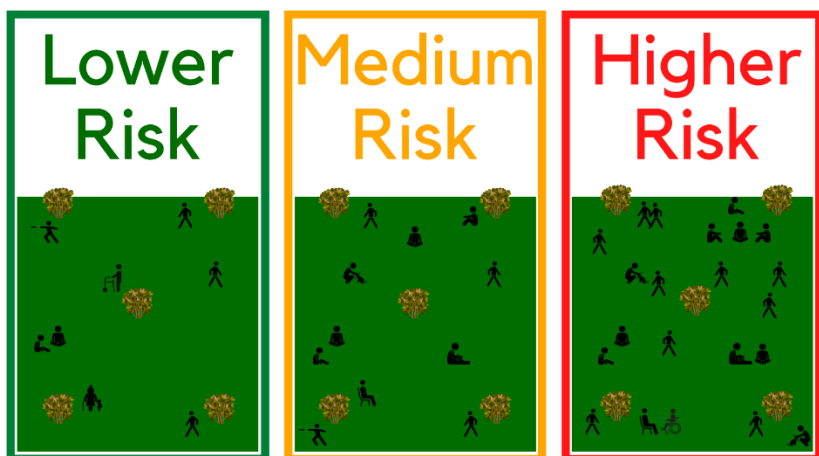
## PREVENT

### SCREEN

- Please take your temperature prior to coming to the park and stay home if you have a fever of 100.4 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 is 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.

### AVOID CROWDS

- The virus that causes COVID-19 most commonly spreads from person to person respiratory droplets during close physical contact (within 6 feet).
  - According to the CDC, park users should consider if they or their children can stay at least 6 feet apart from people they don't live with before visiting the park.
  - For more information on our [drive-thru option](#), visit the section "PLAN AND PREPARE".



## MASKS

Following the CDC, Polk County Public Health recommendations, and the most recent [Mayor's Mask Mandate](#) in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus, **masks are required** 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. This includes in our restrooms and to/from the park.

- **Masks do not substitute for social distancing.**
- **Even if you are fully vaccinated, masks are required.**
- 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.
- Masks may be temporarily removed to eat/drink (if you are safely distanced six feet or more away from others).

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **Stay at least 6 feet away**, from people you don't live with at all times, including when moving around the arboretum, or when seated.
- Park users must obey all facility signage and accept personal responsibility for following all public health guidelines.

## PLAN AND PREPARE

### DRIVE-THRU OPTION

- A drive-thru option will be available following Harry Piper Parkway. See [map](#).
  - For the safety of our park users and to keep traffic moving, please do not park along the road/trail.

### SEATING

- Users must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone when seated.
- Seating is limited in the park. Users are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets.

### RESTROOMS

- Portable restrooms will be open.
  - Any lines for restrooms are discouraged. If there must be a line, the six-foot spacing requirement shall always be in effect.

### HYGEINE

- Park users are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) to use if soap and water are not readily available.

### PARKING

- For the safety of our park users, please do not park along the road/trail.
- Safety regulations apply to all areas, including the parking area(s).
- Park users are asked to maintain social distancing in the parking area(s).
- Park users must exit the facility and parking area(s) immediately.

## RESOURCES/LINKS

CDC Coronavirus

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

City of Des Moines COVID Response Site

<https://www.dsm.city/covid19>

Polk County Public Health Department

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