

# RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL GRAY'S LAKE CONCESSIONS



## PURPOSE

This guidance 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 patron and staff safety.

## NOTICE

**If permittee or attendees are not in compliance with these Protocols, the Facility Use Permit 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 Permit for violations.**

The City of Des Moines cannot guarantee that the renter or any of park users will not become infected with COVID-19. Renter and park users use the City's facility at their own risk.

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

## PREVENT

### SCREEN

- Please take your temperature prior to coming to the beach 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.

### 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.

- **Masks do not substitute for social distancing.**
- 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.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **Stay at least 6 feet away, both in and out of the water**, from people you don't live with.
- Any gathering in groups with others is discouraged.
- Renters and park users 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.

## PLAN AND PREPARE

### WATERCRAFT RENTALS

- Renters are required to wear lifejackets. Lifejackets will be wiped down after each use.
- Only the watercraft renter and family members in your immediate household are allowed on watercraft together.
- Wash your hands before and after touching surfaces and shared use items, such as rentals.

### DOCK

- Masks are required on the dock.
- Loading/unloading and departure/return to your dock must be done in a prompt and direct manner.
- The dock is to be used for launching and docking of watercraft only.
- Upon docking, you must leave the area immediately. No other activity, including sitting in/on your watercraft after docking, is allowed.
- A minimum of 6 feet distancing must always be maintained. Watercraft which are not at least 6 feet apart may not be loaded/unloaded or depart/docked at the same time.
- No more than 10 people are allowed on the docks and walkways, at one time. Wait off the dock until the 6-foot minimum distance can be observed.

### CONCESSIONS

- Masks are required at the concession stand. Concession staff will be required to wear masks.
- Concession staff will be required to wipe down high-touch areas.
- Any lines for concessions are discouraged. If there must be a line, renters must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual.
  - Concession/Watercraft Rental Area will be marked with six-foot distance measurements.

### FOOD/DRINK

- Masks may be temporarily removed to eat/drink (if you are safely distanced six feet or more away from others).
- Glass containers are not allowed.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle or water containers clearly labeled with their name.
- Drinking fountains are shared use items and will be available to use at your own risk.

### SEATING/TABLES

- Users must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone when seated.
- Terrace tables in the area will be moved to maintain social distancing properly. Please do not relocate them.
- Tables and chairs are not disinfected. Facility users are encouraged to disinfect before/after use.
- Park users are encouraged to bring their own chairs or stand.

## HYGEINE

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before/after use of rentals and restroom. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Renters are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer for disinfecting hands regularly.

## RESTROOMS

- Masks are required in restrooms.
- Please disinfect hands before and after using the restroom.
- Restrooms will be open, but occupancy will be limited to allow for social distancing.
  - Any lines for restrooms are discouraged. If there must be a line, the six-foot spacing requirement shall always be in effect.
- Public restrooms are cleaned daily.

## PARKING

- Facility safety regulations apply to all areas, including parking lots.
- All renters and park users are asked to maintain social distancing in the facility parking lots.
- All renters and park users are asked to exit the facility and parking lot(s) immediately following park/concession use.

## RESOURCES/LINKS

CDC Considerations for Wearing Face Coverings

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

CDC Coronavirus

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

City of Des Moines COVID Response Site

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

EPA 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>

Polk County Public Health Department

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