



County Commissioners of Kent County, MD
Department of Parks & Recreation



PUBLIC PARK USE GUIDELINES NOTICE

~March 23, 2020~

The following policies related to park entry, capacity and enforcement have been implemented at all Kent County parks in accordance with

Governor Larry Hogan's Proclamation for a State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID-19

- County parks are **OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE** for lawful recreational pursuits during daylight hours, with **RESTRICTIONS AS OUTLINED HEREIN** this notice.
 - Amenities cordoned off with caution tape or other restrictive barrier are **CLOSED** for public use.
 - Restroom facilities are **CLOSED/NOT AVAILABLE** until the official park opening season (April 1-October 31).
- All exclusive use reservations (fields, ball diamonds, pavilions, etc.) are **CANCELLED**.
 - New reservations are not permitted until further notice.
- Patrons should responsibly follow gathering and social distancing guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to ensure a safe environment for employees and other guests.
- High congestion, traffic and use areas such as courts (contact sports such as basketball), select parking lots, pavilions, playgrounds and shelters are **CLOSED** for public use.
- Water fountain (if applicable) is **CLOSED** for public use.
- **County Government employees/park personnel** shall disperse groups and large gatherings (>10 people) and reserve the right to request assistance from **LAW ENFORCEMENT**.
- **PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING** by keeping distance between yourself and others and avoiding crowds.
 - ***Social distancing is the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19.***
 - Avoid handshaking, hugging and other intimate types of greeting
 - Avoid non-essential travel
 - Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces
 - Avoid unnecessary errands - consider ways to have essential items, like food and other household supplies, brought to you through delivery services or through family or social networks.