



# Springfield Township

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

## COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan

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## **GUIDELINE OVERVIEW**

The Springfield Township Parks & Recreation Department has developed guidelines for the individuals and organizations that utilize public parks for their respective program or event. The goal of the guidelines is to ensure the health and safety of program participants and event attendees.

To utilize Township owned fields and facilities each organization must follow COVID-19 protocols as directed by federal, state and county officials. Failure to comply will result in the void of permit(s).

## **NATURE OF THREAT**

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others circulating among animals, including camels, cats and bats. The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that can cause respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person.

Upon gaining access to the body, the virus may not cause any symptoms or illness, or may cause symptoms to appear in as few as two days to as long as 14 days after exposure. Reported illnesses have ranged from people with little to no symptoms to people becoming severely ill and dying.

### ***Symptoms***

Symptoms of COVID-19 as recognized by the Pa. DOH include:

- Fever (temperature of 100.4°F or higher)
- Chills (including repeated shaking with chills)
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache or confusion
- Difficulty staying awake or waking up
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (may have bluish lips or face)
- Congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

In most cases, individuals who become ill should notify their personal physician, isolate from others at home and allow the infection to run its course. In a subset of those who become ill, individuals may suffer complications requiring hospitalization. Worse outcomes have been associated with individuals who fall into certain risk groups. For a current list of these, see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>

## **INFECTION CONTROLS**

It shall be the objective of the program and event organizers to keep participants healthy and reduce the risk of having an infectious individual enter the program to the extent practicable. To this end, the following infection prevention practices shall be implemented:

### ***Program Enrollment***

Reducing the number of participants at each facility can help increase social distancing and potentially limit the number of exposed individuals in the event of a COVID-19 exposure incident. All applicable programs will be reduced by a percentage based on the latest health and safety guidelines delineated by the Pennsylvania and/or Montgomery County Departments of Public Health. Pre-registration will be required for all programs and events.

### ***Pre-Entry Screening***

The objective of pre-entry screening is to reduce the likelihood that an infectious individual gains access to the program area. Pre-screening is not 100% effective given some individuals may be infectious but may not show any outward sign of illness. The objective of pre-entry screening shall be to minimize the potential for individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms to access the program area.

The following pre-screening practices shall be in place:

- **All program/event organizers, instructors, volunteers, spectators, participants and attendees** shall be screen themselves prior to arriving to the program area for COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals shall not participate if they or someone in their household have or are suspected to have any symptoms or have a temperature of 100.4°F or higher.
- **All program and event organizers, instructors, volunteers, spectators, participants and attendees** will adhere to the latest travel and safety restrictions issued by state and county public health officials. Participants will be asked to abide by travel guidelines set by the state of Pennsylvania.

### ***Face Coverings:***

**All program/event organizers, instructors, volunteers, spectators, participants and attendees** will be required to wear face coverings when social distance is not attainable.

### ***Social Distancing:***

Participants and attendees will be instructed to maintain 6 feet of distance from one another.

### ***Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette:***

Hand sanitizer should be available during programs. Any shared equipment shall be wiped down between uses. An EPA approved hand sanitizer will be available for participants to use during the program.

### ***Cleaning and Disinfectant:***

Frequently touched surfaces shall be targeted for cleaning and disinfection on a regular basis by custodial staff. Surfaces shall then be disinfected using an EPA-approved List-N disinfectant.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### ***Signage:***

- Program instructors and volunteers will post a minimum of two banners at each park in use by individual or organization to demonstrate six-foot social distance separation.

### ***Concessions:***

- **All operators** must wear a face covering and gloves while operating the concession stand. Face coverings must cover both mouth and nose.
- **All operators** must maintain 6 feet of distance from one another while in an enclosed space.
- All food and beverage served must be pre-packaged.
- Freshly cooked items such as hot dogs, burgers, etc. must be wrapped by a masked and gloved individual at the cooking surface.
- Condiments are offered in packages only.
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### ***Parent Contact:***

Parents/Guardians are to confirm the participant has:

- Not experienced any symptom of COVID-19 such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
- Not traveled internationally within the last 14 days.
- Not traveled to a highly impacted area within the United States of America in the last 14 days.
- Not been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.
- Not been waiting on the results of a positive COVID-19 test.
- Not been diagnosed with Coronavirus/Covid-19 and not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.
- Followed all CDC recommended guidelines as much as possible and limiting exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.
- Customers should not remove face coverings to eat while walking. Customers may remove masks when 6 feet from other patrons.

## **RESPONDING TO POTENTIAL EXPOSURE EVENTS**

Upon learning of an exposure event involving the program area, all instructors, volunteers, and participants exposed to the infected individual (“source”) as well as the extent of the area where the infected individual was present (“hot zone”), shall be delineated.

## **QUESTIONS**

Any questions related to this policy should be addressed to this point of contact.