

Schererville Parks & Recreation

COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN

The Schererville Parks Department takes the health and safety of our community very seriously. We want to thank you for your sacrifices. Please know that we are taking measures to slow the spread of the virus and we are consistently working to modify our plan of recovery and resilience. As we begin to open, certain protocols will be in effect to help minimize the threat of the virus and comply with the Governor's Executive Order # 20-28 for Stage 3.

Friday, May 1st, the Governor outlined how and when Indiana will "Get Indiana Back on Track" consisting of 5 Stages. Northwest Indiana is currently in Stage 2 with Stage 3 becoming effective June 1st. Executive Orders have not been issued for Stages 4 & 5 at this time and thus are subject to change. The following is a summary of Park Facilities and Operations thru the various stages. Note that the schedule is subject to change based on the State's guidance for Lake County to enter into the next stage. We ask that you please be patient as we all work through each phase to get back on track. If you have any questions, you can reach us by calling the Parks Department at 219-865-5530, or via email at parks@schererville.org.

SCHEDULE:

Stage 4 June 12:

- All office/admin employees working from Community Center offices.
- Community Center is open to public, (Face coverings are optional for visitors).
- Shelters, Public Restrooms, Ballfields, Basketball Courts, Skate Park, and Tennis Courts are open with social distancing.
- Playgrounds are open.
- Local sports leagues may resume games, sports camps, and tournaments following organizational protocols.
- NO Bounce Houses are allowed on park property.
- Drinking Fountains will be OFF.
- Shelter and Community Center rentals of no more than 100 people following CDC social distancing guidelines.
- Gatherings and events of up to 250 people allowed following CDC social distancing guidelines and with prior approval by Park Board.
- No special events or trips being offered by Park Department.
- Limited programming by Park Department may resume.

Stage 5 July 12: (TENTATIVE)

- Part-time rec staff return to work. Training to start week prior.
- Community Center is open to public. (Face coverings are optional for visitors).
- Shelters, Public Restrooms, Playgrounds, Fields, Basketball Courts, Skate Park, and Tennis Courts are open.
- Community Center rentals at full capacity.
- Gatherings and events over 250 people allowed following CDC social distancing guidelines and with prior approval by Park Board.
- Park Department to resume special events. Trips may resume in the fall.
- Summer youth programs start July 13.