

SAFE REOPENING PLAN FOR THE PORTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

The playgrounds and shelter houses at the Community Park will reopen on June 25, 2020 according to the following Board approved safety guidelines. Guests should not use park facilities if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.

Appropriate signage will be posted throughout the park to advise and remind visitors to abide by all park rules and to take all steps necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The attached specific signage will be placed at the playgrounds and shelter houses. (See attachment)

The current cleaning schedule will be maintained and the following sanitization schedule will be implemented, with a documented log to be kept of each sanitization period. All hard surfaces, including playgrounds, tables, benches, restroom facilities and gates will be sanitized with **HDQ Neutral** at the beginning of each day and at four (4) hour intervals throughout each day. Employees will wear appropriate PPE, while performing sanitization.

“A Statement Regarding COVID-19 Risk” from the Trustees will be part of this plan. (See attachment)

Six (6) foot social distancing will be maintained by all park guests. Markings will be installed on all sidewalks to delineate six (6) foot social distance spacing. Use of facial coverings will be encouraged by all park guests.

Restroom capacity will be limited to one family at a time. Drinking fountains will not be available at the park. Guests are encouraged to bring their own drinking water.

Hand sanitizing stations will be installed at the front gate and at each shelter house.

The park shelter application/agreement will be modified to include necessary provisions related to CDC and ODH recommended COVID-19 guidelines. (See attachment)

Maximum capacity at each shelter house is 24 guests. No more than 4 guests may occupy each table in the shelter house at any one time, so as to maintain social distancing. All tables must remain in their current locations within each shelter house.

Pool and township cleaning/maintenance personnel will monitor areas where visitors are likely to gather. Any overcrowding situations will be immediately reported to the Trustee’s Office.

Basketball courts are to remain closed.

This Safe Reopening Plan will be posted on the township’s website.

These plan requirements will remain in effect until further information is received from either the Centers for Disease Control or the Ohio Department of Health.

COVID-19 SAFE PLAYGROUND GUIDELINES

- **4 is the maximum number of children that are permitted to use each playground at any one time.**
- **Playgrounds will be sanitized every 4 hours. Children must leave the playground during each sanitization period and remain off the playground until the sanitization solution dries.**
- **Adults must maintain 6 feet social distancing from each other and children may not have contact with each other while using the playground.**

COVID-19 SAFE SHELTER HOUSE GUIDELINES

- **6 feet social distancing must be maintained.**
- **Shelter house will be sanitized every 4 hours. All users must leave the shelter houses during each Sanitization period, unless they have rented the shelter house during that time.**
- **All tables must remain in their current locations. Do not move any tables.**
- **No more than 4 guests may occupy each table in the shelter house at any one time, so as to maintain social distancing. Maximum shelter house capacity is 24 guests.**

A STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 RISK

During this global COVID-19 pandemic, we are all experiencing profound disruption in our individual lives and our life together within the Porter Township community. This has included the closing of township buildings and some park facilities. Our Board meetings are open to the public through electronic means only.

As Governor DeWine allows businesses to open and various activities to resume, we have been phasing the reopening of township facilities. The Community Pool was reopened with appropriate Board approved guidelines on June 12, 2020. The Community Park will open on June 25, 2020, again with appropriate Board approved guidelines. In doing so, we have implemented what we believe to be the appropriate steps to protect our employees and citizens as much as possible from the Coronavirus while present on any township properties. However, what is known about the Coronavirus is ever-changing. Our goal is to monitor new information and alter our safety practices, as needed.

We recognize that resuming activities as allowed by the Governor's Responsible Restart Ohio Plan comes with a certain amount of risk. We also recognize that allowing activities to resume at Porter Township facilities comes with a certain amount of risk for everyone involved. We are making every effort to abide by the requirements and recommendations of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the United States' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will continue to mitigate risks as we are able in the coming days.

Nonetheless, the use of township facilities will expose you to an increased number of people and increase your risk of contracting Coronavirus. If you are unwilling to assume the increased risk you may face, are 65 or older, or vulnerable due to a medical condition or illness, please consider not using township facilities until the pandemic no longer affects our State.

Finally, the future closure of any or all township facilities may be necessary, if patrons will not abide by the Board approved safety guidelines based upon ODH's and CDC's requirements and recommended best practices from township personnel, the Scioto County Health Department and the Porter Township Trustees. We hope your time in our facilities is rewarding for you and welcome you to return as often as possible, within your tolerance for the associated risk.

Porter Township Trustees

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