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Iredell County Parks and Recreation
Phase 2.5 Operational changes, September 4, 2020

Iredell County Parks & Recreation Department is continuing to evaluate local, state, and national guidelines in regards to Covid-19 and the phased reopening plan issued by the State. Our main priority is, and will continue to be, the health and safety of our patrons and staff.

The Iredell County Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the following changes in operations, based on the Governor's Executive Order 163, effective September 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

- The Iredell County Recreation Center will open on September 8, 2020 with limited capacity and adjusted hours of operations. Reservations for workout sessions will be required.
- Playgrounds will open September 8, 2020. The playgrounds will not be sanitized regularly; therefore, it is highly recommended you follow the 3 W's, as well as adhere to the outdoor mass gathering limits.
- Athletic field reservations for small group trainings, conditioning and practices will continue to be available. League organizers who intend to prepare for league play in sports that are on the CDC's approved list of non-contact sports, are encouraged to initiate registrations and plan to begin play on October 2, 2020.

Currently, the following facilities and amenities are OPEN (with guidelines):

- Park Properties: Stumpy Creek Park, Stumpy Creek Boat Landing (fees charged), Scotts Rosenwald Park, Jennings Park, Bigleaf Slopes Park, East Iredell Lions Club Community Park
- Scotts Rosenwald Park and East Iredell Lions Club Park Community Buildings
- Park trails and walking paths
- Park open spaces and fields
- Park restrooms
- Playgrounds
- Disc Golf Course

Temporarily closed, with anticipated plans to re-open in Phase III

- *Water Fountains*
- *Indoor Basketball courts for organized play*

Detailed information regarding Recreation Center operations including hours of operations, reservation processes, field reservations, and more will be located on the Iredell County Parks and Recreation Webpage at www.iredellparksandrec.com.

The following information will remain in place:

General Considerations

- Physical distancing (6 ft minimum) should be observed in public
- Limit gatherings to less than 25 people indoors in Community Centers, and 50 people outdoors (maintain physical distancing). The capacity at the Recreation Center will be restricted based on the Executive Order 163. In order to achieve proper social distancing, we will admit nineteen people on the first floor fitness center and twenty-five people in the gymnasium.
- Face masks are required inside county buildings, unless participating in exercise
- Do not engage in activities that require physical or shared contact, or use of shared surfaces (such as sports equipment, etc.)
- Dispose of trash properly, or take it with you when you leave
- Use of park properties or amenities is considered "Use At Your Own Risk". While there is mitigation guidance, social recommendations, and some sanitizing procedures in place, transmission can still occur

We appreciate your understanding, patience, and cooperation!

For more information, contact the Iredell County Park and Recreation Department at 704-878-3103, or visit the website at www.iredellparksandrec.com.