

COVID-19 Operating Status

The information we are sharing is all fluid, and subject to change. With direction from Baltimore County Recreation & Parks, we have compiled a tentative guideline to give our programs some sort of idea of what we are facing.

As Referenced in the Governor's press conference on Wednesday, Baltimore County has the third highest infection rate in Maryland and the numbers are not going down. Baltimore County is still processing what that means for recreation and parks, and their Health Officer is leaning on the side of being more cautious.

In light of the Governor's Maryland Strong Roadmap to Recovery it was felt prudent for Baltimore county to develop a plan to reopen recreational opportunities/facilities to the public.

****It should be noted that these phases do not at this time have a definitive date schedule, especially as it pertains to recreation programs for the rest of the year. The phases are dependent on a lessening of the incidents related to COVID-19 and increases in infection or hospitalization rates could slow or reverse any progress on reopening. There is also no specific amount of time related to each of the phases. Any dates given to these phases are to be used as a guideline and subject to change or reverse at any time****

The Governor has a three-phase reopening plan, and we anticipate an increase in use of parks once Phase I is implemented. With the closing of schools, ALL Spring Sports are cancelled. Fall sports typically begin August 1 and based on where we are currently, we don't know the outcome but will follow the Governor's three phase plan

Phase I- Projected start date Friday, May 15th

- Social Distancing Ambassadors deployed
- Boating rentals are at Loch Raven; Baltimore Sailing Center.
- Staff returning to offices (pending on MSDE guidance)

Phase II — Projected start date September 3rd

- Playgrounds
- Dog parks
- Nature benches
- Childcare for essential personal (EMS, Fire, Police, Medical staff)

Phase III — Projected start date January 2021

- All recreation programs
- All group activities
- All pavilions and picnic areas