



Together Again PHASE 4

ATHLETIC FIELDS & COURTS

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During Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, our District's priorities for park maintenance will focus exclusively on keeping parks available to the public by mowing our open spaces, managing weed control and addressing safety concerns and maintaining COVID-19-related signage. This reduced standard of care in our parks may not be ideal, however, we are committed to maintaining the parks at a level that will provide safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities for the community. To report safety or maintenance concerns to the Park District, please call our Parks Hotline at 630.929.3136 or email us at info@dgparks.org.

The Downers Grove Park District will follow the guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

Visitors should adhere to minimum safety guidelines during their visit:

- Maintain social distance of 6 feet from individuals outside of your household.
- Group sizes should be limited to 50 individuals.
- 30 feet of distance should be maintained between groups of 50.
- Wear a face covering if social distancing is not possible.
- Avoid end-of-practice handshakes, high-fives and snacks. Bring your own water.
- Sanitize surfaces such as benches and equipment before and after use.
- Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Stay home if you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Operations, maintenance and permit information:

- All soccer fields, ball fields, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis and pickleball courts, disc golf and other game-related areas such as bags and horseshoes are open to the public for recreational use in Phase 4. Usage is first-come, first-serve after permits issued.
- Just as before COVID-19, priority usage on courts and fields is given to Downers Grove Park District's programs, affiliate groups and organizations.
- Groups are required to obtain a permit, follow the minimum safety guidelines and provide a Phase 4 operating plan. For more information and to reserve an athletic field and obtain a permit, please contact Anna Kish at akish@dgparks.org. Please note that the District is currently not accepting rental applications for field or green space. Rental requests for permits will be accepted beginning Sept. 15, 2020, for the fall 2020 season.
- Organized groups will be limited to groups of 50 or less, however, multiple groups of 50 are permitted with 30 feet of distance between groups. Spectator seating is limited to 20% capacity and will be the responsibility of groups with permits.
- Athletic fields will not be maintained for game play by the Park District with the exception of mowing and weed control.
- Ball fields will be dragged on a limited basis for weed control, but not striped.
- Soccer fields will not be striped by the Park District except for DGPD soccer programs and permitted use.
- Soccer nets will not be installed with the exception of fields being reserved by organized groups.
- Drinking fountains will not be available.
- Outdoor restrooms are open at McCollum Park, Whitlock Park, Doerhoefer Park and Gilbert Park.

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Information is subject to change as additional guidelines become available from state-wide agencies providing safety guidance regarding Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan.