

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@scherverville.org.

## **SCHEDULE:**

### **Stage 2 May 11:**

- Office/admin employees working remotely when possible.
- Community Center is NOT open to public.
- Dog Park open with membership.
- Shelters, Playgrounds, Ballfields, Basketball Courts, Skate Park, and Tennis Courts CLOSED.
- Public Restrooms at parks CLOSED.
- Drinking Fountains will be OFF.
- NO Bounce Houses are allowed on park property.
- NO team practices, games, or tournaments allowed.
- Gatherings of no more than 25 people.
- No programs, park events, and trips will be offered.
- Special Events prohibited.

### **Stage 3 June 1:**

- Reduction in number of office/admin employees working remotely, increase in office/building staffing as needed.
- Community Center office is open by appointment only during normal business hours. Visitors entering the building during business hours are required to wear face coverings.
- Shelters, Public Restrooms, Ballfields, Basketball Courts, Skate Park, and Tennis Courts are open under the provisions of Executive Order# 20-28.
- Playgrounds will remain CLOSED.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily or more if possible.
- NO Bounce Houses are allowed on park property.
- Drinking Fountains will be OFF.
- Single team practices allowed. NO scrimmages, games/tournament allowed.
- Gatherings, including rentals and events of no more than 100 people following CDC social distancing guidelines.
- Shelter and Community Center rentals will resume on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- No programs, special events, and trips being offered by Park Department.

#### **Stage 4 June 22: (TENTATIVE)**

- 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.
- Status of Playgrounds TBD.
- 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.