

MONTICELLO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
COVID-19
Parks Reopening Schedule

The purpose of this document is to outline a reopening schedule for the Monticello Parks Department. Reopening of our parks system, programs, and facilities will be systematic and closely follow the five stages set forth in Governor Holcomb's "Back on Track Indiana" plan <https://www.backontrack.in.gov>. The five stages in his plan for reopening are set out by date and include the following information gleaned from the Governor's May 1st report.

1. **March 24th – Parks closed to the public**
 - "Hunker Down" – stay at home
2. **May 4th – Gatherings of up to 25 people allowed**
 - Essential travel restrictions lifted
 - Recommended that Hoosiers over 65 continue staying home
3. **May 24th – Gatherings of up to 100 people allowed**
 - *"Playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, pools, campgrounds, gyms, and fitness centers may open with restrictions and social distancing."*
 - Recommended those over 65 use caution when venturing out.
4. **June 14th – Gatherings up to 250 people allowed**
 - "Large venues may open with adherence to social distancing."
 - "Cultural, entertainment and tourism may open at 50% capacity. **Recreational sports leagues and tournaments may resume** - amusement parks, water parks and like facilities may open at 50% capacity.
 - Face coverings optional
5. **July 4th – Gatherings over 250 people allowed**
 - Conventions, sports events, fairs, festivals, state fair and like events may resume
 - "Restrictions will be lifted at amusement parks, water parks and like facilities."
 - Continue social distancing practices

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The Monticello Parks & Recreation Reopening Schedule is only a guide and may change based on direction given by the Governor, Mayor, and or Monticello Parks Board. How we proceed from here will ultimately be determined by our actions as a community and how they affect the containment/spread of this virus. It appears that our area of the state is lagging behind on the Coronavirus curve. With that said, in most areas, our plan will reflect a delayed Governor's plan and will move forward as follows.

1. **June 8th - Restroom facilities open to the public** - This will allow time for seasonal park staff to be scheduled and restroom preparations for public use to be completed.
2. **June 12th - Basketball courts / sand volleyball courts to be opened**
3. **June 15th - Park playgrounds begin reopening** once new surfacing is installed and initial cleaning of the playground equipment is completed.
4. **July 4th – Reservation of park facility and field usage to resume** – A signed waiver will be required for organized activities & reservations.

5. **Parks programing will resume in July** - Social distancing and face masks are required until further notice.
6. **Trails remain open** – Face masks are recommended.
7. **Fishing piers and kayak docks remain open** – Face masks are recommended while on site.
8. **Monticello City Pool** - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and concerns for the health and safety of pool patrons and their families, the Parks Board has made the difficult decision not to open the City Pool for the 2020 season. Park and Pool staff will be making improvements to the facility this season in preparation for opening in the spring of 2021.

Personal Responsibility

It is important that all individuals utilizing playground equipment and park facilities acknowledge that COVID-19 may be present. All patrons must take personal precautions in preventing the contraction and/or spread of the virus. Social distancing, wearing face masks, and washing of hands before and after playing on parks equipment or utilizing park facilities are **strongly recommended** and are necessary in helping to contain and defeat this virus.

Additional Resource and Information on preventing the spread of COVID-19

- The Center for Disease Control’s Coronavirus Webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>