

TO: Parks, Recreation and Forestry Board

FR: Ron Grall, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry  
Mary Berg, Recreation Service Manager

RE: Mass Gatherings of less than 50 people

**A) Mass Gatherings of less than 50 people: Youth Sports, Adult Sports and Athletic Rentals**

The City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department (WPRF) recognizes the growing mental, physical and financial impacts COVID 19 has had on our sports community and city (renters, players, dedicated staff, volunteers). We propose a safe return to games for groups of less than 50 people following the guidelines set forth by Waukesha County. Staff has developed the following guidelines to be taken before, during and after games. In addition, CDC preventive strategies would be followed to promote meeting safe social distancing.

References:

- Wisconsin Sport Services Safety Guidelines

We will follow all orders issued by our Federal, State and Local Government. The offerings, policies and programs are subject to change at any time pending Government Orders. Signage would be installed at each the entrances of complexes with guidelines and recommendations for use.

**WPRF Adult Softball and Kickball Leagues (groups 50/under):** Propose starting the week of June 8.

**WPRF Youth T-Ball, Softball, Baseball (groups 50/under):** Youth Baseball, Softball and t-ball propose beginning practice the week of June 1 with games starting the week of June 15.

**Rentals (pending no changes to Federal, State or Local Standards):** We propose resuming rental reservations to groups 50 or under for dates May 27 and beyond. All athletic rentals will be asked to submit a plan of how safety measure will be observed. Plans must include the minimum guidelines listed below. A WPRF facility supervisor would help assure compliance to the plan at sport complexes. Non-compliance may affect future rentals.

**WPRF Recommended Guidelines:**

- Concessions will not be offered at complexes to discourage social gatherings. Bleachers would be off limits to spectators. Spectators must be limited and should remain outside the outfield fence/outfield (standing or utilizing their own chair).
- Social Distance will be encouraged
- Dugouts – No more than two players in dugout at once, on deck batter allowed, rest of team spread out down fence line towards outfield
- Umpire will be off to one side (adult sports) behind the plate, catcher will be off to the other side let ball bounce
- Umpire will be behind the pitcher for youth sports, catcher will be moved back a couple of feet
- Gates would be locked open
- Hand and equipment sanitizing between innings is recommended.
- Players will be asked not to enter dugouts until team has cleared

## **B) General Building and Park Shelter Rentals**

WPRF would like to accommodate small group gatherings less than 50 people for dates May 27 and beyond following the guidelines set forth by Waukesha County. The guidelines below would be implemented to better protect those gathering.

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### **WPRF Recommended Guidelines:**

- WPRF will clean restrooms and shelters at least twice daily and buildings once a day.
- Users must follow social distancing guidelines
- Renters will be asked to sanitizer space before, during and after rental using their own approved EPA approved disinfectant
- Groups are encouraged to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer often