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Kent County Parks to Reopen with Restrictions

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (June 3, 2020) – The Kent County Parks has started a staggered reopening schedule for its beaches, campground, open shelters, picnic areas, public restrooms, and splashpad. Visitors will be required to follow new health guidelines and precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“We are excited to welcome visitors back to Kent County Parks and for them to experience the physical and mental health benefits of being outdoors,” said Parks Superintendent Dan DeLooff. “However, it is critical that visitors follow our new rules that prevent overcrowding and support social distancing to ensure our parks are safe for everyone.”

The reopening schedule and new safety restrictions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Beaches:** The swimming beaches at [Long Lake Park](#), [Millennium Park](#), [Myers Lake Park](#) and [Wabasis Park](#) are open. Social distancing requirements of six feet (about 2 arms' length) are required for those not of the same household.
- **Playgrounds.** [All playgrounds](#) are open.
- **Kaufman Golf Course:** The golf course is open and golf carts are available. To reserve a tee time, [click here](#).
- **Public Restrooms:** All restrooms will open on June 5, 2020. Enhanced cleaning protocols have been implemented and signs will be posted in the facilities with the cleaning schedule.
- **Open Shelters:** Open shelters will be available on June 5, 2020. To make a reservation, [click here](#). Capacity is limited to 100 individuals and social distancing requirements of six feet (about 2 arms' length) are required for those not of the same household.
- **Group Picnic Areas:** Group picnic areas will be available on June 5, 2020. To make a reservation, [click here](#). Capacity is limited to 100 individuals and social distancing requirements of six feet (about 2 arms' length) are required for those not of the same household.

- **Millennium Park Splashpad:** The splashpad will open on June 8, 2020. However, space will be limited to 50 percent capacity (approximately 50 people). [Click here](#) for hours of operation and admission fees.
- **Wabasis Lake Campground:** The campground will open on June 12, 2020. To make a reservation, [click here](#). Additional health and safety guidelines will be posted on the [Parks website](#) prior to opening.
- **Enclosed Shelters:** All enclosed shelters are closed until further notice from the Governor's Office.
- **Recreational Fields:** All recreation fields are closed until further notice from the Governor's Office.

All visitors who are feeling any symptoms of illness or exposed to COVID-19 should stay home and not expose other guests or Parks' staff to possible infections. Additionally, visitors are asked to practice social distancing, wash or sanitize their hands, and consider wearing masks in public when social distancing cannot be maintained.

For additional health and safety guidelines, visit the [parks and recreation guidelines](#) on the *Kent County Back to Work website*.

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