

Guidance for Parks and Recreation Services

Criteria for Activities Based on Risk Level and Community Transmission of COVID-19

		Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
LDCPH conducts ongoing review and consideration of metrics below collectively, as well as additional community considerations, when providing phase recommendations each Thursday.¹					
% Positive Tests ²	Community-based criteria	≤5%	≤10%	≤15%	>15%
New Cases ³		Stable or declining new cases favor a less restrictive phase recommendation Increasing new cases favors a more restrictive phase recommendation			
** Masks are required at all times for all activities, for all persons, on all premises. ** Activities that cannot be performed safely while wearing masks should not be performed.⁴ ** All persons on the premises must adhere to all current mandates, health orders and facility policies at all times.⁵ **					
Sports/Activities⁶	Tournaments allowed with limitations ⁷	Moderate and low risk tournaments allowed with limitations ⁷ Moderate and low risk activities allowed	Low risk practices allowed No tournaments or games	No team activities	
Recreation Centers¹²	All activities allowed	Moderate and low risk activities allowed	Low risk activities allowed	General suspension of operations with some exceptions ¹⁰ No indoor activities Low risk individual or small group activities allowed outdoors	
Aquatic Centers^{8,9}	All activities allowed Swim meets allowed with limitations ⁷ Outdoor aquatic centers open	Moderate and low risk activities allowed Swim meets allowed with limitations ⁷ Outdoor aquatic centers open	Low risk activities allowed No swim meets Outdoor aquatic centers may remain open with additional capacity limitations		
Nature Centers	Open for walk-in visitation for reduced numbers, as well as reduced hours, and will be not allowed when programming is being held Activities may be limited by gathering size, facility capacity and social distancing limitations				
Facility Rentals Indoor¹²	Reservations accepted, but activities held limited as above (Gray Box)	Reservations accepted, but activities held limited as above (Gray Box)	Event Spaces Indoor facility rentals allowed, but with limitations ⁵	No facility rentals Park shelters may remain open	
Facility Rentals Outdoor¹³			Facility Rentals Reservations accepted, but activities held limited as above		
Golf Courses	Golf courses open				Golf courses open but with limited services ¹¹
All facilities must have a plan and protocols in place, including strict adherence to hygiene, as part of robust operating policies to ensure safety standards are met for all patrons.					

¹ Douglas County Smart & Safe School Reopening Guidance: <https://ldchealth.org/448/Smart-Safe-Reopening-InformationHealth-0>

² % Positive Tests is defined as number of positive tests out of all tests performed in Douglas County within the previous 14 days; Testing availability must remain stable or improving with a recommended goal of 1/1000 population tested per week.

³ New Cases is defined as the number of newly identified cases within the previous 14 days, based on date of symptom onset, expressed as rolling 14-day average.

⁴ Masks are required at all times for all activities, for all persons, on all premises. Exceptions to masking include specific medical conditions, while eating/drinking and while in the water at aquatic facilities.

⁵ All persons on the premises must adhere to current state and/or local mandates, public health orders, facility operations policies or any other policies instituted at the discretion of the director – all of which are subject to change. This includes masking, social distancing, gathering limits and facility capacity limits. Additional information may be found at the Douglas County Coronavirus Response and Recovery Hub: <https://coronavirus-response-dgco.hub.arcgis.com/>

⁶ See provisions within classifications in section titled “Recommendations for Classifications of Activities by Risk” in table below.

⁷ Indoor and outdoor tournaments and swim meets allowed **by permission only**. Limitations may include number of teams and/or participants per tournament, number of spectators, facility capacity and other limitations based on current state and/or local mandates, public health orders, facility operations policy or at the discretion of the director. No “camping” between events at any facility.

⁸ Indoor aquatic centers will be open for lap swimming, water fitness programs, swim lessons and local swim club rentals but subject to facility capacity limitations.

⁹ Outdoor aquatic centers open but subject to facility capacity limitations.

¹⁰ All facilities closed to the public. Parks remain open. Shelters remain open. Playgrounds and other high touch areas should not to be used.

¹¹ Golf course services available however, indoor facilities are not accessible, credit card payment online or by phone only; All buildings will be locked except clubhouse for restrooms. No food/beverage service.

¹² Recreation Centers include East Lawrence Recreation Center, Holcom Park Recreation Center, the Community Building and Sports Pavilion Lawrence®. Event Centers used for Facility Rentals include the Carnegie Building, Union Pacific Depot, Santa Fe Train Station and rooms at the Recreation Centers.

¹³ Outdoor facilities include sports fields, sports complexes, shelters, wading pool and splash pads.

Recommendations for Classification of Activities by Risk

RISK CATEGORY	EXAMPLES INCLUDE	MODIFIABLE EXAMPLES*
High Risk: Involves close, sustained contact between participants, lack of significant protective barriers, and high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants.	Football, rugby, lacrosse, ice hockey, field hockey Other High Risk activities include band (with exception of percussion, strings), choir, sideline cheer or any other activity that primarily involves singing or shouting	Basketball, soccer, futsal, wrestling, martial arts, water polo, competitive cheer, group competitive dance
Moderate Risk: Involves transient close contact, low probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants OR group sports OR sports that use equipment that can't be cleaned between participants.	Swimming relays, track relays, 7-on-7 football, crew with two or more persons in shell	Volleyball, baseball, softball, gymnastics, tennis, pole vault, high jump, long jump, cross country, weightlifting
Low Risk: Can be done with social distancing or individually with no sharing of equipment or the ability to clean the equipment between uses by competitors.	Individual swimming events, water fitness, individual running events, throwing events (javelin, shot put, discus), golf, alpine skiing, single sculling, bowling	

*Sports that can potentially drop one risk category (eg, from High to Moderate Risk) if specific mitigation measures, directed at the risk-qualifying situation, are implemented. (Example: High jump can drop from Moderate to Low Risk if competitors maintain 6ft or greater spacing and pit is cleaned between each competitor.)

Definitions:

Flag Football: Flag football is a version of American football where the basic rules of the game are similar to those of the mainstream game (often called “tackle football” for contrast), but instead of tackling players to the ground, the defensive team must remove a flag or flag belt from the ball carrier (“deflagging”) to end a down, and contact is not permitted between players; it will result in a penalty for the team that initiates it.

7-on-7 Football: 7-on-7 football is a popular format among high school football teams as a method to keep players in shape during the summer months. The game emphasizes passing using a **45-yard field and a one-hand touch for a tackle**. All players, except the center, are eligible receivers.

Facility Rental – Indoor – Includes room reservations for meetings receptions and parties. Those rentals related to field/court space for sports must also follow guidelines listed in “Sports” and “Recreation Centers” categories.

Facility Rental – Outdoor – Includes rentals of shelters, parks and other facilities. Those rentals related to field/court space for sports must also follow guidelines listed in the “Sports” categories.

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The recommendations contained within this tool are based on currently available science as well as guidance from various entities including [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [Kansas State Department of Education](#), [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](#), [Kansas Health Partners](#) and the [University of Kansas Pandemic Medical Advisory Team](#).