

St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks

COVID 19
FACE COVERINGS and INDOOR & OUTDOOR PARTICIPATION
GUIDELINES

These guidelines are in response to Governor Hogan's Executive Order dated August 3, 2020 and following consultation with the health officer of St. Mary's County. The Governor's Order can be found on the web at:

<https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-08-03-11-08.pdf>

FACE COVERINGS When pertaining to these guidelines, a face covering means a covering that fully covers a person's mouth and nose and is secured to a person's head. A plastic face shield is not considered a face covering for the uses described in these guidelines.

INDOORS Face Coverings must be worn at all times by R&P staff, participants and family members while indoors.

OUTDOORS Face coverings must be worn at all times by R&P staff when outdoors on county property. Park users must wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible.

Additional guidelines for specific sports and leisure programming is below.

YOUTH SPORTS **effective Monday August 10, 2020**

1. The Southern Maryland Youth Athletic Conference (SMYAC) has suspended youth tackle football for the fall 2020 season
2. Eliminators Field Hockey, Jets Lacrosse and St. Mary's Soccer leagues may participate during the fall 2020 season offering clinic and practice sessions only. League play is not permitted.
 - Coaches, athletes, and parents must wear face coverings at all times while in the park. **EXCEPTION:** The athlete may remove their face covering when participating in vigorous drills and/or conditioning.
 - Social distancing of 6 ft must be observed at all times by all in attendance. This includes the drills and conditioning portion of participation.
 - Only one (1) parent per athlete is allowed to be on site as a spectator. No other spectators are permitted in the field area during the scheduled field use time.

3. Baseball/Softball Leagues may continue to play games and or participate in clinics and practice sessions. These guidelines are for each level of participation.
 - Coaches, athletes and parent must wear face coverings at all times while in the park.
EXCEPTION: 1) games – The pitcher, catcher, outfielders, batter and base runners may remove their face covering when participating in game play. 2) clinics/practice - The athlete may remove their face covering when participating in vigorous drills and/or conditioning.
 - Social distancing of 6ft must be observed at all times by all in attendance, even in the dugout areas.
 - Only one (1) parent per athlete is allowed to be on site as a spectator. No other spectators are permitted in the field area during the scheduled field use time.

4. Cheerleading and Gymnastics utilizing the Carver Recreation Center and Gymnastics Center may continue to participate in clinics and conditioning.
(effective Tuesday August 4, 2020)
 - Coaches, athletes and parents must wear face coverings at all times while in the facility.
EXCEPTION: The athlete may remove their face covering when participating in vigorous activity.
 - Social distancing of 6 ft must be observed at all times by all in attendance.
 - Only one (1) parent per athlete is allowed to be on site as a spectator.

ADULT SPORTS effective Tuesday August 4, 2020

- Adult soccer and flag football **games** are not permitted uses during the fall 2020 season
- Adult baseball, kickball and softball games are permissible uses however **spectators and family members are not allowed to attend.**
- KICKBALL/SOFTBALL- Face coverings must be worn at all times while on site and when participating including the dugout areas.
EXCEPTION: the batter/kicker and outfielders may remove their mask when participating in game play
- BASEBALL – Face coverings must be worn at all times while on site and when participating including the dugout areas.
EXCEPTION - The pitcher, catcher, outfielders, batter and base runners may remove their face covering when participating in game play.
- PICKLEBALL – Face coverings must be worn at all times when in the park except when participating in a pickleball match.
- Social distancing of 6 ft must be observed at all time.

LEISURE PROGRAMMING effective Tuesday August 4, 2020

1. Great Mills Pool

- Face coverings must be worn at all time by all pool users both inside the bathhouse and pool lawn & deck area.
- Face coverings do not have to be worn while in the pool water.
- Social distancing of 6 ft must be observed at all time.

2. Leonard Hall Recreation Center

- Face Coverings must be worn at all time by R&P staff, participants and family members/spectators while indoors.
- Indoor contact sports for both youth and adults are cancelled effective Monday August 3, 2020.

3. Summer Camp

The summer camp program will continue to operate under the guidelines of MDH
<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2020.05.27.02%20-%20MDH%20Order%20-%20Youth%20Camps.pdf>

4. Sports Camps

- Coaches and athletes must wear face coverings at all times while in the park.
EXCEPTION: The athlete may remove their face covering when participating in vigorous drills and/or conditioning.
- Parents dropping off and picking up their child(ren) must wear a face coving while in the park.
- Social distancing of 6 ft must be observed at all times by all in attendance.